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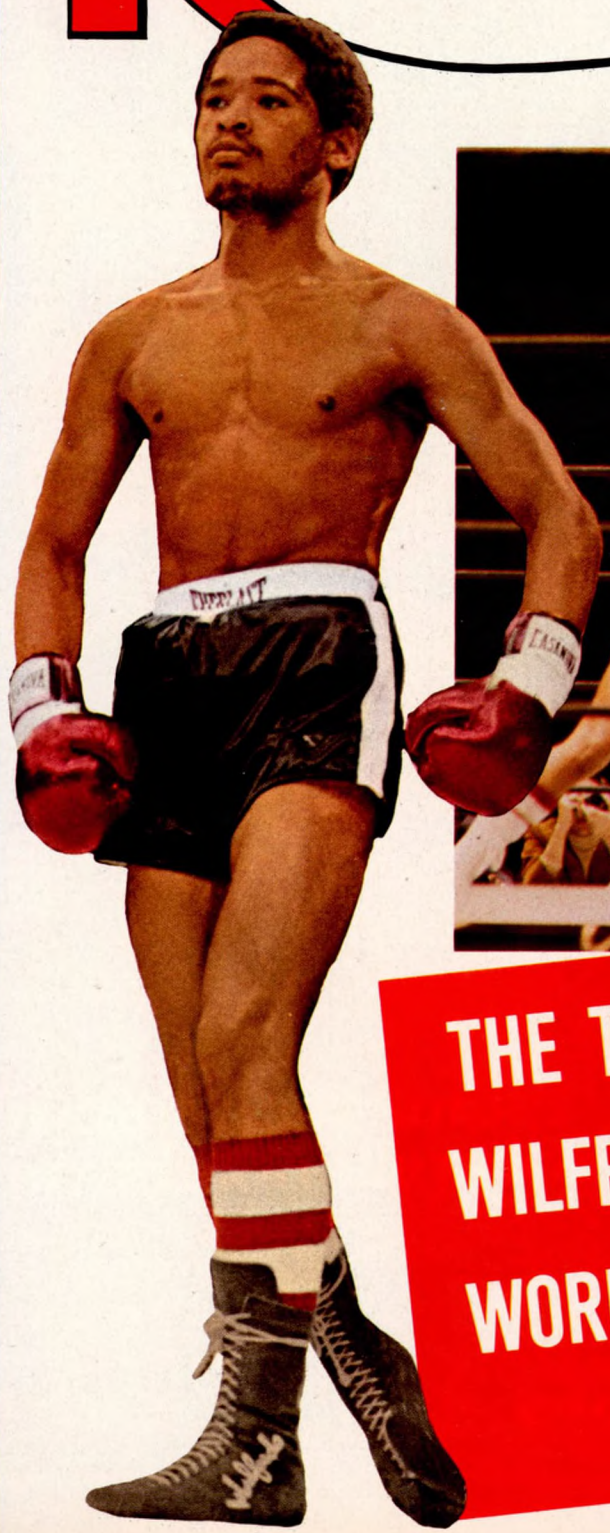

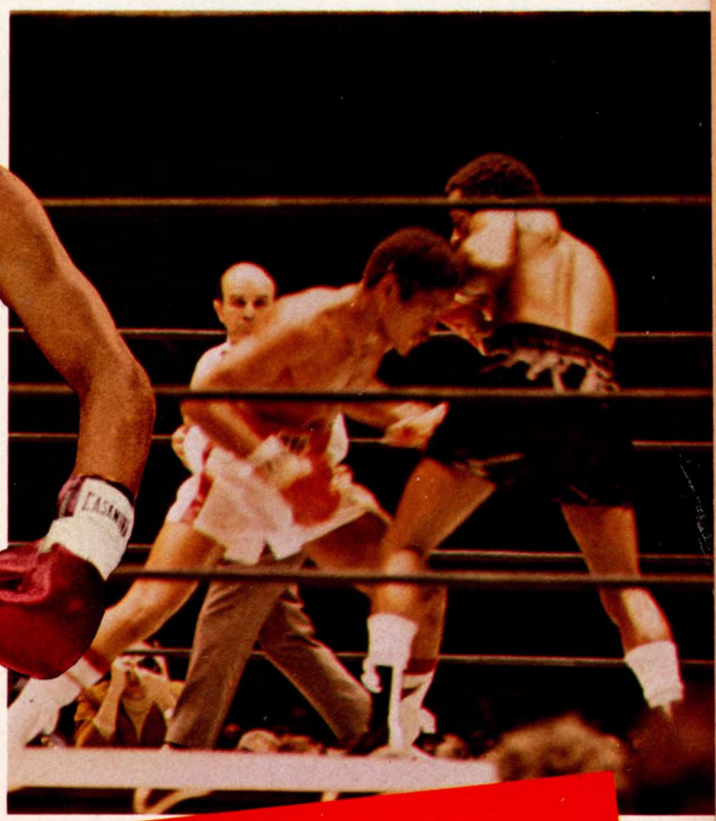

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EDITORIAL AS I SEE IT

by NAT LOUBET Editor AND Publisher of

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DOWN through the long road of boxing history it is not the promoter or manager who has made pugilism the greatest sport on the face of the earth, but the fighter. Despite good and inferior management, despite rhubarbs, it is the man in the ring who makes or breaks boxing.

The fighters of caliber, men such as Jack Dempsey, Joe Louis, Muhammad Ali, Joe Frazier, George Foreman, Ray Robinson, Willie Pep, among hundreds of others, have pushed boxing upward and on to new and greater planes of popularity.

From time to time a new face zooms across the fistic horizon and without much fan fare is recognized as a potential all time great. This recently happened in San Juan when a local junior welterweight, Wilfredo Benitez, a four to one underdog, climbed into a ring with Colombia's Antonio Cervantes, considered by most experts as one of the best pound for pound fighters to come down the pike in years. What happened is history.

Benitez, a seventeen and six months youth, easily defeated Cervantes to win the world's junior welter title in what was the major upset of the last twelve months.

At first it was thought that Wilfredo might have caught Cervantes on an off night, but closer examination of this superb fighting machine disclosed the making of a super-star.

The youngest fighter to ever win a world title is headed towards immortality if his trek isn't short circuited by that one item of his person which could produce his downfall, namely, his youth.

Benitez is on the threshold of a career that could produce a fighter who will go down in history as a man of major stature. If Benitez takes his natural talent and develops his technical equipment as well as learning how to mentally handle the success that has already come his way, then Wilfredo, by the time he reaches his twentieth birthday, can very well be one of those rare fighters who will be remembered for his greatness and achievements.

On the other side of the ledger there beckons a possibility that this youth will not grow along with his years so as to be able to handle a severe mental problem that faces all those who achieve a modicum of success. If he learns how to handle success I am positive that boxing will have another top flight star in the making, but if he allows his success to go to his head he could take the "D" train headed DOWN and by the time he reaches his early twenties be washed out and his potential a thing of the past that was never fulfilled.

We have seen many potential greats never achieve the mark that their early careers indicated. Remember Tony Janiro, a Youngstown, Ohio, middleweight, who moved like a shadow, boxed like a ballet master and could punch with the best? He showed early promise but by the time he was in his early twenties he was on the way out.

Tony is but one of a million illustrations of youngsters who according to early promise should have made it big but never matured, never burst through to achieve the potential that seemed like their destiny.

In a recent fight in Madison Square Garden, Wilfredo received a draw in a fight with Harold Weston. Most of those at ringside, with the exception of the officials, felt that Benitez had won, but the decision is not of any consequence; it is not germane to the moment. What is of importance was the type of ability that Benitez placed on display and a cockiness that could eventually be his downfall.

It is possible that Wilfredo lost points and rounds by his apparent contempt for his opponent. But what is more important is that he indicated a lack of discipline that is common among younger people and as it expands to the outer perimeters of his career, his training, his willingness to listen to trainers and manager, then he is opening the way to a cancer that could eat away his future before realization is achieved.

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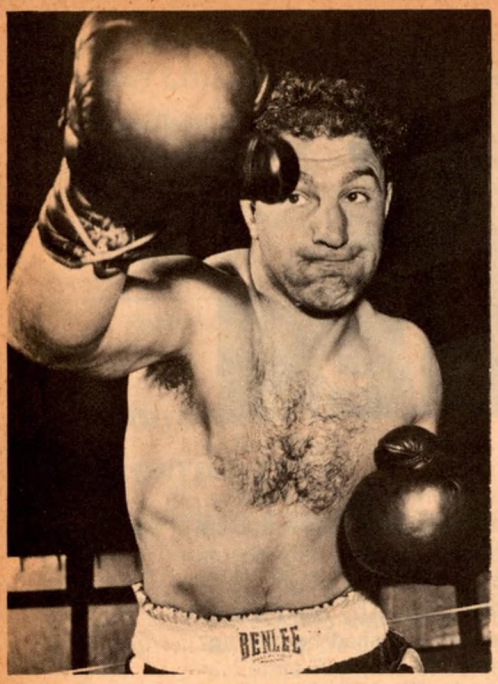
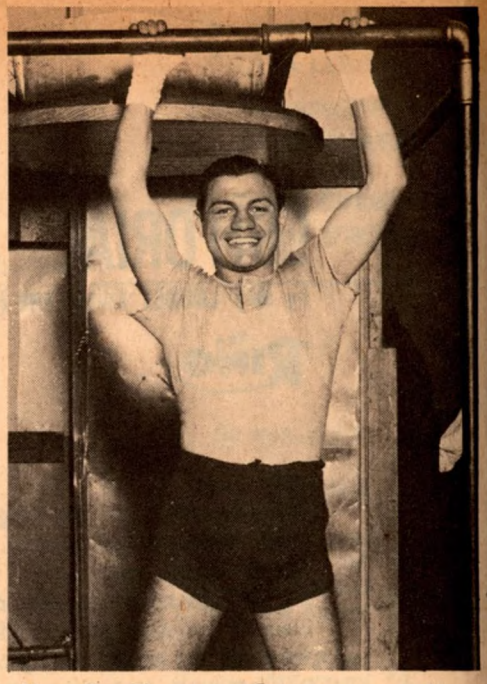


No.1 Rocky Marciano

Not innately fitted to be a heavyweight champion, Rocky Marciano, chosen as the finest of the Italian-Americans, carefully honed his assets.

THE TOP TEN ITALIAN-AMERICANS OF ALL TIME

By LESTER BROMBERG



No.2 Tony Canzoneri

THE history of fighters, like the history of America, springs from a mixture of races. The mixtures represent the hero worship which followed the pioneers.

THE RING is recognizing this by selecting periodically the ten best boxers from each nationality. Remember, these are not standard-bearers who were born abroad. These lists are comprised only of those who have been born here in the U.S.

The first of these hyphenates is the Italian-American. It is fitting, because the members have been the oldest of those which have taken up boxing, barring the Irish, who will be taken up in due course.

They can be traced through the mass movement to cities of immigrant blocs. These came in the early days of the 19th century. It is typical that the best fighters come from the hungry people. And there was bare escape from starvation for the thousands, later millions, of Italian-Americans-to-be who came to the U.S. from Ellis Island. They predominately poured from the southern provinces of Italy—Sicily, Calabria et al—where the land was unfruitful and the class distinctions very sharp.

Some of these younger children of the immigrants were European-born, and they picked up the sports of the new land which later became a profession. But they will not be included in this series. This means Johnny Dundee, the "Scotch Wop," born in Shaikai, Italy, and a notable featherweight champion.

The hunger that was in the blood jumped over a generation to Rocky Marciano, chosen as the finest of the Italian-Americans. His real name was Rocco Francis Marchegiano, and he came from Brockton, Massachusetts, where he worked in the shoe factories. Until his death, which occurred at the age of 46 in a plane crash, Rocky never forgot the acid odor of leather. "I worked in the shoe plants, there really was a smell there," he often was in the habit of saying.

His rise after his joining up with Al Weill, his manager, brought comparative riches to Rocky. It still meant hard work. Weill was an old-school taskmaster. One can't forget how Marciano tried to get Weill's permission to get married. "It interferes with my plans for your fighting," Al said bluntly. He gave in grudgingly. And the artistry of management by Weill worked itself out. It must be called artistry because Rocky was not fitted for a heavyweight champion. He started late, he was 26; he was clumsy and he had inordinately heavy legs. But Weill brought in a patient teacher, Charley Goldman—he knew Rocky could punch.

Rocky developed a polish to his right hand which came up from the floor with a stunning force. Goldman called it "Suzy-Q." Rocky called it "my Mary Anne." In later years he was to call his only child Mary Anne.

He had a tremendous body and he trained it devotedly. It never let him down. No defeats in 49 total bouts, 43 bouts won by knockout. . .a remarkable record.

He was on the floor sparingly, as he had a resistant chin. But one fight in which it occurred, the first one with Jersey Joe Walcott, proved a cameo of his best.

Walcott only had viewed Marciano's career superficially and said one day in his training at Atlantic City, "If I can't handle that clumsy guy, you can take my record out of the book."

Jersey Joe put him on his back, in the very first round. It might have knocked out another guy; it only warmed up Rocky.

Rocky proceeded to stay in there, getting better as he went. In the 13th round, he backed Walcott to the ropes and Suzy-Q landed on the button. Walcott went down, and he was not getting up, everyone saw that. I have rarely seen a punch create the paralysis that that one inflicted.

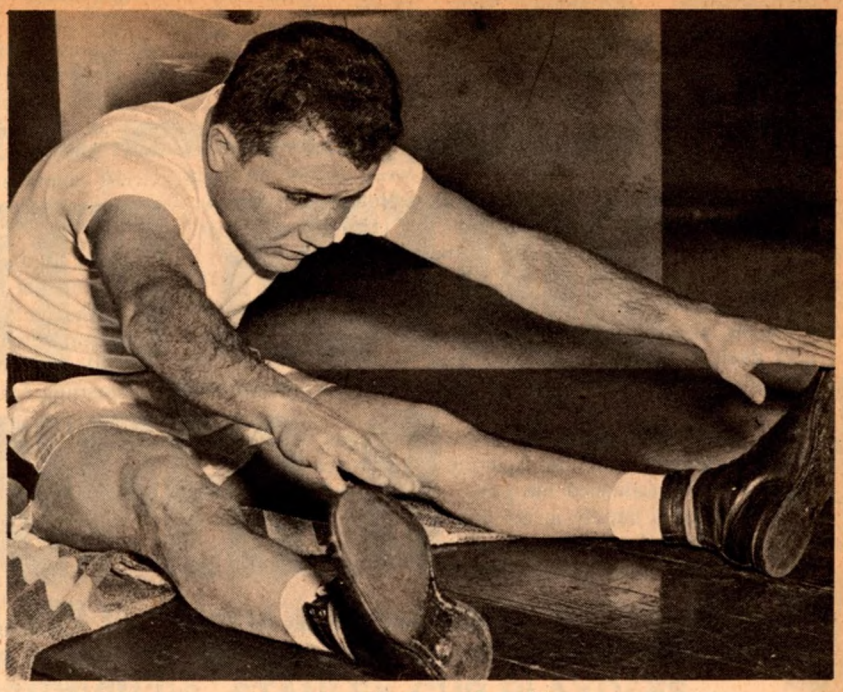
What can you do for an encore?

I say that the No. 2 among Italian-Americans is a little man equally skilled as a boxer and puncher—Tony Canzoneri.

His career stretched from the bantamweight division to the featherweight division to the lightweight division—he was a champion all the way, from 1925 to 1939.

His precocity was staggering. When he was 16 or so he fought one of the terrors of the ring, Bud Taylor. Each time he improved. To this day they aren't sure how old he was when he boxed Benny Bass for

No. 3 Willie Pep



No. 4 Jake LaMotta

the featherweight title at the old Madison Square Garden. When he won the title he said he was 21, because the rules barred anybody under 21. The next day he admitted he might have been "17 or so."

When Tony advanced into the lightweights, he probably was at his best. It was at an unparalleled level. Jackie Kid Berg, Tommy Grogan, Billy Petrolle, Cecil Payne, Barney Ross—he plucked off great names as if they were every other week opponents.

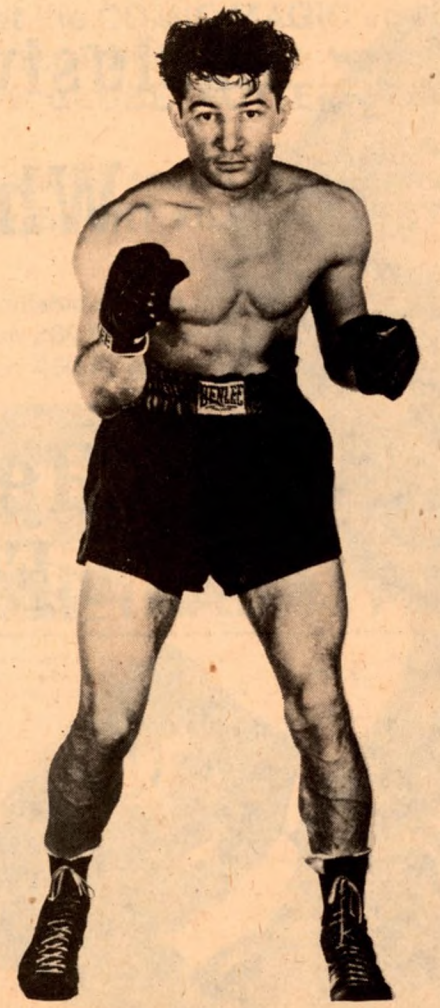
Tony, a shy kid all the time, was eloquent with his fists.

A precious anecdote holds over from his series with Lou Ambers, his former sparring partner. In the time he had worked with Lou, Tony indulged himself in the luxury of a stogie. Ambers, a pious athlete, thought this was uncalled-for. They met when Tony was champion and Canzoneri took the fight. When they again met Ambers was the winner. Ambers dropped in the dressing room and said, grinning, "See, didn't I tell you not to smoke those cigars?"

It is impossible to depict how deeply people revered Canzoneri. For example, when he retired from the ring, he went into a night club act with Mark Plant and Joey Adams. In this act he submitted to being punched around by Mark Plant. Eventually Frank Graham, the great sports columnist, got around to seeing the act. He winced every time he saw a comedian land on Tony. "I'll never go to see it again," said Frank, "it's a personal hurt."

Finally the act fell on evil days, it just didn't draw the fans. Later Tony met a member of the onetime faithful, who said, "Oh, Tony, I kept going past that night club where you were playing."

He didn't stir. "Yeah," Tony said, "all my friends went past it, never in."



No. 5 Rocky Graziano

The No. 3 Italian-American is a classic exponent of style, Willie Pep. He had a corner on the market for shifty moves, dazzlingly reversed. He rarely hit with power. He never set himself that long. But anyone who liked to see fluid motion went ape watching Willie.

This isn't to say that he didn't have tough fights. In his featherweight title series with Sandy Saddler, he fought his heart out. In fact, when he won the title back, in the second fight, he gave a display of ruggedness and skill. He was so cut up by the vicious-punching Saddler that he wouldn't let the photographers into the room after the fight. He had given plenty, though. He kept standing on the toes of Sandy's feet. And they covered a lot of territory.

In his career William Pep, the translation for Guigliemo Papaleo, came early, stayed late. He was 18 when he started, but he didn't call quits until 1966. This gave him 26 years in boxing. He had sandwiched in 241 fights, 164 of which he had won by decision.

Someone who knew Pep's restless disposition observed on his retirement, "That's the longest he'll stay at any job." They weren't far from right. He tried show business, the beer business, refereeing. Willie won't be at home until he samples fighting again, one might say.

Fourth in the Italian-American list was Jake LaMotta. He was the strongest man in all divisions this side of Rocky Marciano. It was impossible to hurt him. He showed

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Exclusive Interview: What's Next for Heavyweight Earnie Shavers?

By SHIRLEY NORMAN

"I'M gonna drop him right in your lap at ringside," promised Earnie Shavers during our interview one week before his fight against "Tiger" Roy Williams at the Aladdin Hotel in Las Vegas.

Earnie didn't quite accomplish this feat, but he did drop "Tiger" Roy to the canvas in the tenth round of their bloody slug-fest.

Shavers is considered one of the toughest fighters in the heavyweight division. He was the first man ever to send Ron Lyle to the canvas, although Lyle later scored a knockout victory. Shavers also dealt a second round knockout to Jimmy Young, the heavyweight who gave both Lyle and Muhammad Ali a rough time in the ring.

Shavers wasn't quite up to par in his Las Vegas bout, and he explained the reasons in an after-fight press conference.

"I admit I underestimated the guy," he confided. "But worse than that, I pulled a muscle in my arm three days ago and I was hurting every minute of the fight. Only my trainer and I knew about it. We didn't want to tell anybody at the risk of having the fight called off."

Shavers was nursing his sore right arm with ice packs for hours after his victory, but this did not dispel the glorious aura of success.

Las Vegas fight fans were not overly impressed on this Saturday in December, but Teddy Brenner, of Madison Square Garden, was impressed enough to offer Shavers a bout against Muhammad Ali immediately after his victory. (Of course, Ali's whims will decide if this particular bout takes place. As of this writing, the champion states that he will not fight Shavers.)

Shavers was also handicapped in his bout against Williams by a 20 pound and four inch disadvantage. Earnie, at 6'1" and 210 pounds is probably the smallest of the leading heavyweight contenders.

He is also one of the nicest—but the least publicized-of the major fight figures.

Shavers' manager, Joseph "Blackie" Gennaro, shuns publicity, a factor which has kept Earnie out of the limelight where he belongs. "Blackie's coming around though," smiled Shavers. "We're still smarting from the problems we had when Don King was my co-manager. But I aim to be the next heavyweight champion of the world. And then everybody's going to know about me."

Our interview for RING was the only one Shavers personally granted during his Las Vegas visit. . .and a bottle of French perfume was Earnie's gift to your reporter at the onset of the interview.

Earnie treasures the finer things in life which his boxing career has earned for him. And. . .in keeping with these tastes are Earnie's personal characteristics. Although brutal in the ring, Earnie Shavers is, in person, kind, soft-spoken, completely charming—and the ultimate gentleman. He is idolized by his manager, his trainer, his sparring partners, and a large segment of the population of Warren, Ohio—his home town.

The boxer dresses like a page out of "Gentlemen's Quarterly" in

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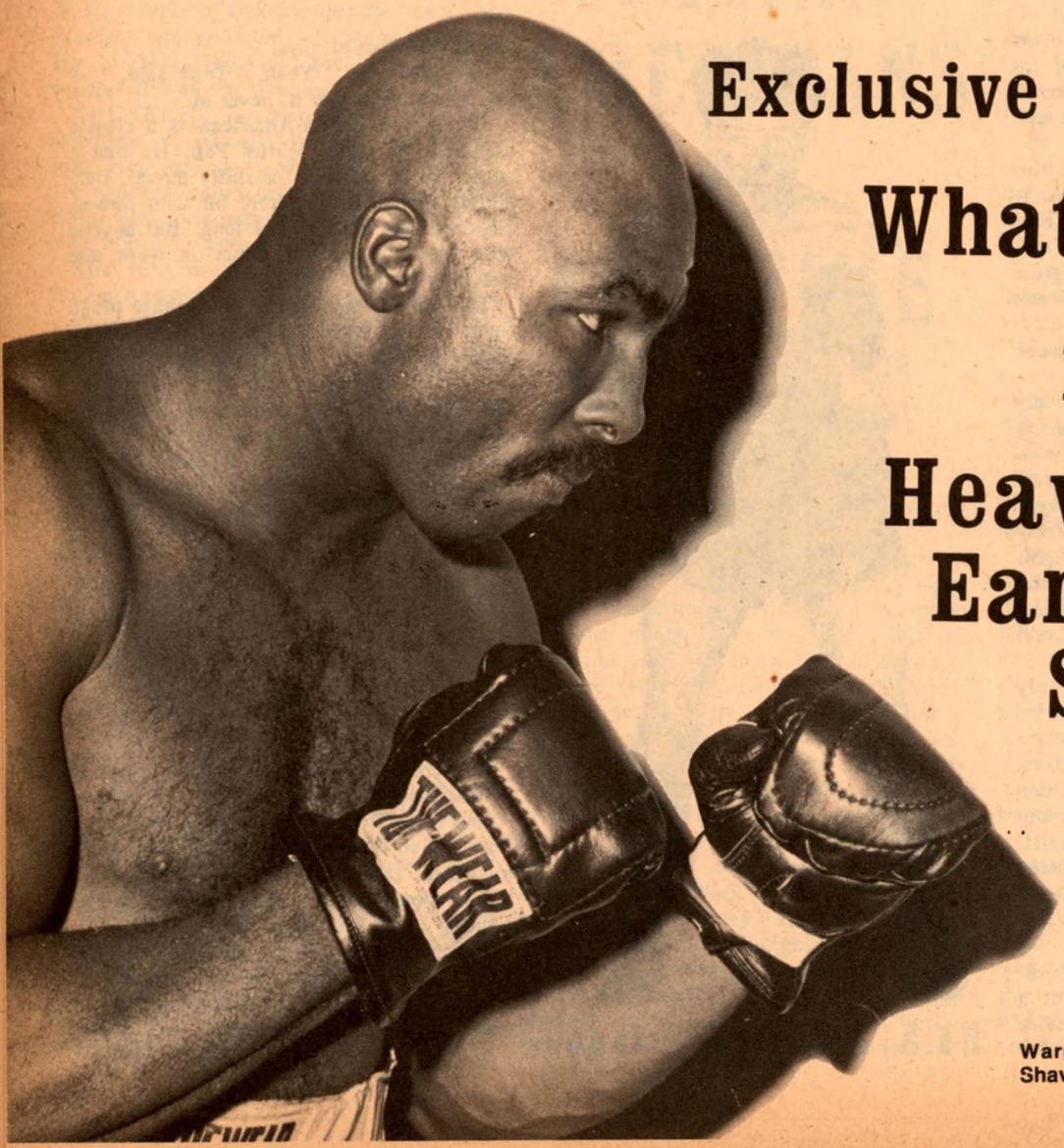

Warren, Ohio, heavyweight Earnie Shavers.

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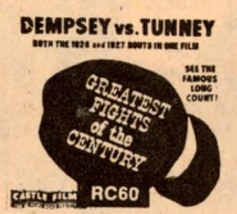

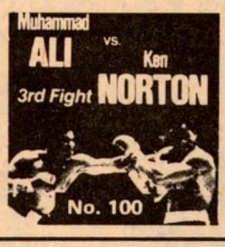

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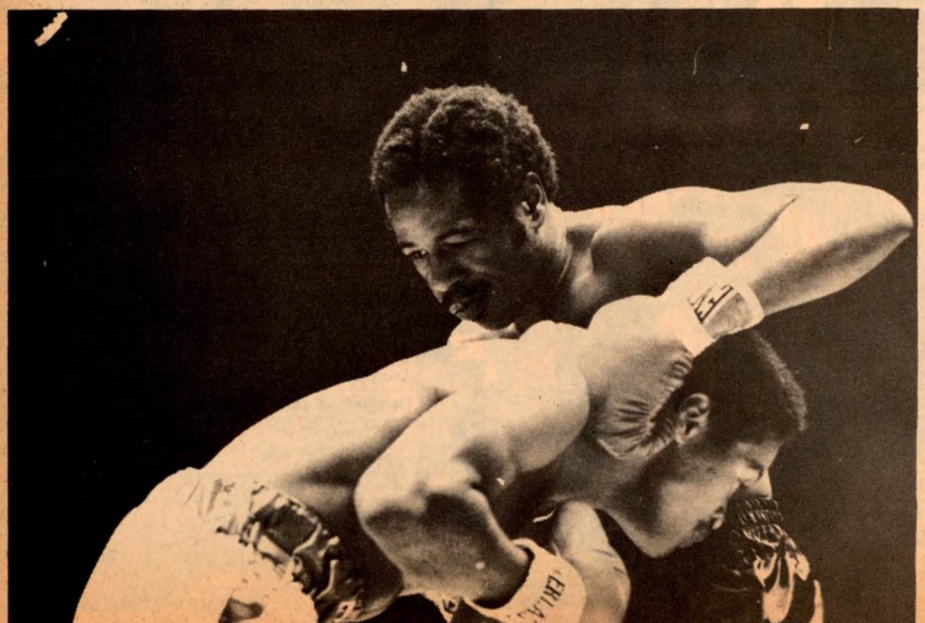
THE TRADITIONAL LATIN FATHER-SON RELATIONSHIP OF MANAGER GREGORIO AND WILFREDO COULD BE BENITEZ' KEY TO SUCCESS . . . OR HIS UNDOING.

The Truth about Wilfredo Benitez, Jr. Welter King

By LESTER BROMBERG



Why shouldn't Daddy be right? The truth of this logical saying tells the story of Wilfredo Benitez and his future path towards the welterweight title.

He can turn it on or turn it off, which he did in his recent 10-round draw with Harold Weston at Madison Square Garden which interrupted his 26 fight run of straight wins.

The question is not whether he made a mistake when he coasted in the seventh to the ninth rounds while he listened to Gregorio Benitez, his pop.

The answer happens to be loud and clear—he just listened.

The Garden draw may be fought again, as some draws are and some draws are not. As has been hinted, he is the best thing to come up the highway in New York's Puerto Rican circles.

Gregorio talks and Wilfredo pays attention. It's proof that this 17-year-old body carries a considerably more mature mind.

One needs to give proper attention to the relationship of a Latin American father and his son to get a viewpoint of this twosome. First, father would not essay anything in the fight game unless he knew it. Gregorio has been in the backyards of fisticuffs—fighter, second and manager. "If I don't know," he has said, "I wouldn't stick my nose in." He said this with acerbity. Then with firmness

Wilfredo Benitez' recent draw with Harold Weston, black trunks, broke the 17-year-old Jr. welter champ's streak of 26 straight wins.

(Above) Benitez, left, connects with a straight left to the face of Antonio Cervantes during their March 6 fight last year in San Juan, in which Wilfredo won the world title. (Below) Benitez is jubilant upon hearing the decision which made him the youngest fighter to ever have won a world title.

he said, "I know."

He told a story of the three brothers who had started boxing under him.

"I have Frankie, Gregorio, Jr., and Wilfredo. They start the same—two arms, two legs. Gregorio doesn't want to learn. I find that out. So I don't push him into boxing. I find Frankie and Wilfredo want to learn more and I stay with them."

He tells some more about Wilfredo, some of which observers know.

"He is smart and will be smarter. He doesn't worry about any opponent. That is the thing I teach him, to have knowledge and use it."

He went back to Wilfredo's fight with Antonio Cervantes, a veteran, last March, which won the junior welterweight for Benitez at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

"Maybe you saw that fight on TV?" the father said. "You see he is so cool all the way."

Then he abruptly changed his attitude.

"You don't think I was afraid? I sure was shaking, just like a father . . . . I know that if he fails, I fail. So I pretend I'm not afraid . . . . Maybe I bully him a little in the corner, just to make him feel I don't have doubts. And it all works out."

He made a sweeping statement.

"Every Latin-American father feels he must give his son complete belief in him. It is the law—and he (the son) must give it back to him, or else it doesn't work."

He was reminded of the fact that New York State Athletic Commission for years had a rule prohibiting fathers from working in the corners of their respective sons.

"Maybe they mean that for some other fathers," he said. "Not fathers who understand."

He didn't say so, but observers noted that the Benitez-Weston fight both corners were controlled by fathers for the first time in a Garden main event.

Working for Harold Weston, Jr., was his pop, Harold Weston , a veteran second.

Where does Benitez go from here?

In the long view, he has only a few boxers standing in his way to the welterweight title. John Stracy, the Briton who held the title briefly, doesn't impress as adept enough to cope with him. Carlos Palomino, the current WBC king, can't begin to box as skillfully as Benitez, and the WBA's Jose Cuevas is a relatively unknown quantity.

He drew a satisfactory crowd of 10,930 paying $103,457 for the show raising the question: Will he come back to the Garden for the progress fights that will lift him to the title?

Again there comes the question of his father's dealing with the Garden, or more specifically of Gregorio and Teddy Brenner, the Garden's boxing boss.

He exacts a full dollar, to use a familiar phrase, and at least on one occasion Brenner didn't agree. But now Teddy's plan is a perfect blue print: He wants to put together Be-

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BENITEZ DRAWS, GRIFFITH SQUEAKS WIN

World welterweight king Wilfredo Benitez, Puerto Rico, shoots a straight right at Harold Weston, New York, during their ten round title-bout in New York which went to a draw.

By SAM TAUB

BOXING came back to Madison Square Garden with a flourish with over 10,000 fans paying over $100,000 to watch Emile Griffith the day before his 39th birthday and in his 19th year of professional competition win a majority ten round decision over Christy Elliott of Dublin, now living in the United States.

Griffith, five time welter and middleweight champion of the world, had too much ring savvy for his 25-year-old rival. Griffith won the fight at close quarters, where Elliott was inept, and at long range. Elliott, with height, reach and weight, failed to use this advantage and allowed Griffith to be the ring general.

There appeared little doubt but that Elliott held Griffith in respect, and he failed to mount any sustained attack or use his left hand sufficiently often to gain the officials' attention.

Two of the officials, Referee Arthur Mercante and Judge Harold Lederman, called it five rounds for each, while Judge Al Reid had it 7-3 for Griffith. The referee also cast his ballot for Griffith on his strong finish and having done the more damage. The weights were Griffith, 161, and Elliott, 165 pounds.

Wilfredo Benitez, the world Jr. welterweight champion, was held to a ten round draw in his bout with Harold Weston, known as "Sweet Sugar" and hailing from New York City. Benitez, from Puerto Rico, weighed 144¾ pounds to Weston's 146. The decision was controversial, as most of the experts at ringside believed that Benitez had won the contest with something to spare.

Weston must be given a pat on the head for his courage. He never stepped backward, and it was this aggressiveness that caught the eyes of the officials. However, many at ringside felt that to be aggressive and not effective is no criterion for winning a fight. Weston threw a multitude of blows, but most of them were blocked by the superior boxing ability of the champion.

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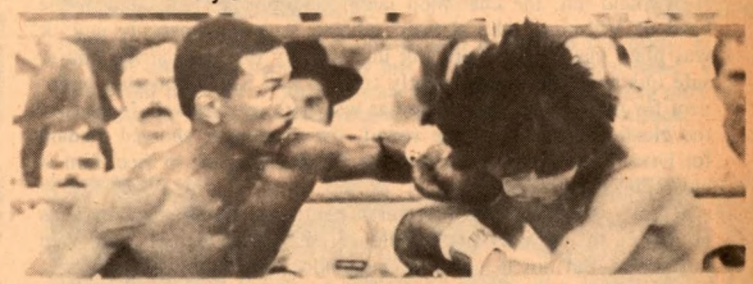
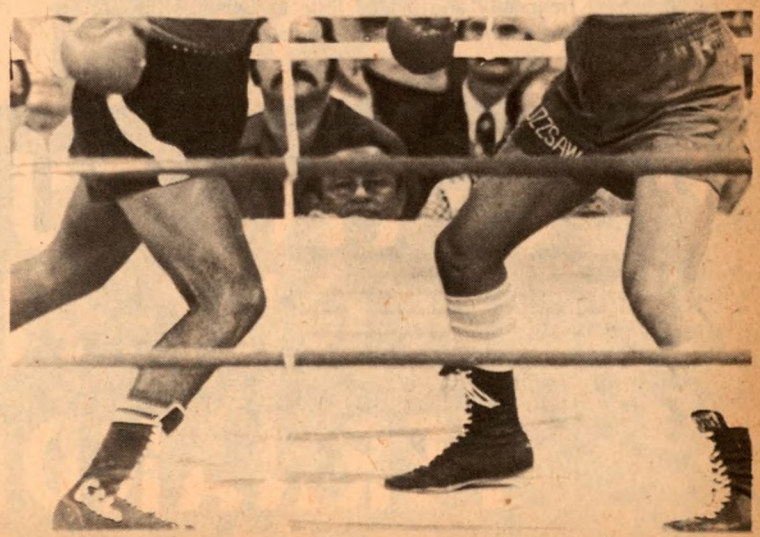
On the same card, 39-year-old Emile Griffith just barely edged Christy Elliott in their ten round middleweight fight. (Below left) Griffith lands a left to the face of Ireland-born Elliott. (Below right) Griffith, of St. Thomas, is pinned to the ropes by Christy while referee Arthur Mercante watches.

DeJesus KO's Yamabe in 6

By JOHN ORT

(Above) WBC lightweight king Esteban DeJesus is lifted in victory after the San Juan bout was stopped in round six by Referee Perez to save Buzzsaw Yamabe. (Below) Puerto Rico's DeJesus lands a hard left to the head of Japan's Buzzsaw Yamabe. The champion had no trouble solving the southpaw's style.





LOUBRIEL STADIUM, BAYMON, PUERTO RICO—W.B.C. lightweight king Esteban DeJesus stopped Japan's Buzzsaw Yamabe, in the sixth round to retain his W.B.C. lightweight title.

This was DeJesus's second defense of the crown. He won the title from another Japanese boxer, Ishimatsu Suzuki, and retained it against Dominican Hector Medina.

Buzzsaw was getting his third crack at a world title. He twice boxed another Puerto Rican Champion, Alfredo Escalera, the W.B.C. junior lightweight king. He lost once in Japan and again in a return go in Puerto Rico.

This show was aired over C.B.S. T.V., promoted by Don King and the Cruz brothers Larry and Ralph with the help of Bill Daley.

The day started badly for the Japanese boxer. At the weigh-in, he was one pound over. He returned an hour later to make the 135 pound limit. Esteban's weight was also 135.

Yamabe stated that the reason he lost to Escalera twice was that he couldn't make the 130 pound weight limit. Now he has trouble making 135. This kid better go on a diet.

A crowd of some 8,000 came out on a warm and sunny evening to witness what was only the second afternoon show in Puerto Rico's history. They paid over $120,000 at the gate. In the crowd was the Governor of Puerto Rico, Carlos Romero, a big boxing fan since his days of being Mayor of San Juan.

The bout itself was a one-sided affair. Esteban came out fast looking for an early kayo. Yamabe's southpaw style gave him no trouble.

Before the round was over, Buzzsaw was on the deck from a left-right combo to the left eye. The Japanese boxer took the eight count from referee Tony Perez, and managed to last out the round under heavy fire, from the W.B.C. kingpin.

Round two found Yamabe coming at DeJesus, being hit with left jabs and hard right hands to the head. The Japanese boxer was yet to land a blow.

DeJesus was still in control in the third round as he tagged Buzzsaw with good shots to the body and head. Right before the bell until the end the round Yamabe landed his first punch, a left to the chin of DeJesus. The shot did no damage as the Japanese boy has no power in his punches.

The next two rounds Esteban played with Buzzsaw, doing what he wanted, landing hard left jabs to the head and strong rights to the body.

In the final round DeJesus connected with a left hook to the head of the on-coming Buzzsaw and a right hand to the jaw which put the Japanese boy on the floor for the second time in the bout.

Yamabe took an eight count and tried to go on only to be tagged again with another right to the head. Down again, another eight count. Now, the left eye was giving him trouble, so referee Perez halted the contest at 2:06 of the round.

After the bout DeJesus yelled, "Bring on Roberto Duan. I'm ready for him. He won't slip through my hands this time."

They both met twice before, each winning one. The third one

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"Hands of Stone" Duran again exhibits his power and durability in his tenth title defense.

By HANK KAPLAN

MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA—For the 18th time in the history of Florida boxing a contest was fought for a world title, this time between one of the most formidable champions, Roberto Duran, 134¼, Panama City, Panama, and his challenger, Villomar Fernandez, 134½, of New York City.

The world lightweight title involved was of the World Boxing Association variety. Viewing the proceedings from ringside was Esteban De Jesus, the World Boxing Council titleholder. Uniquely, the battle was held within the confines of the Fontainebleau Hotel in the indoor tennis court, a small enclosure chaired for about 1200 people, but commonplace was the ending, a knockout win for the slashing and durable Roberto Duran.

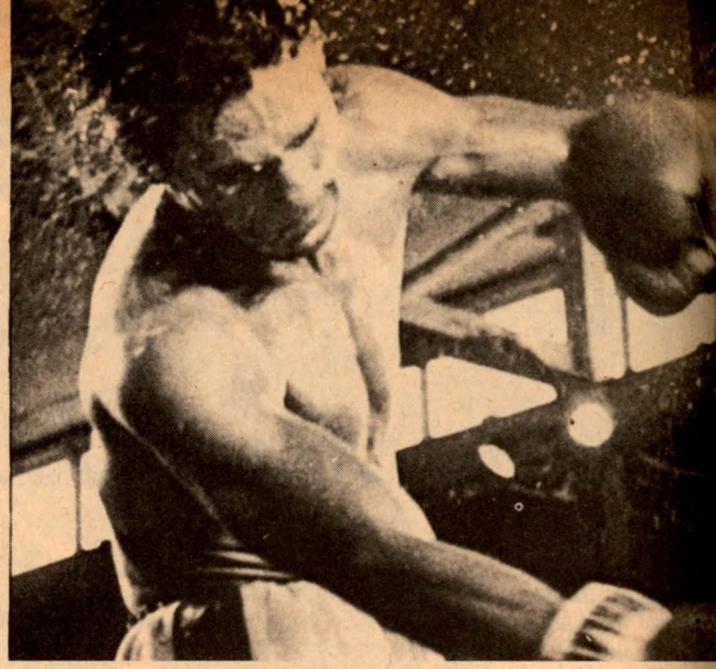
From the opening bell the champion was the predator while the challenger was the elusive prey. Villomar Fernandez, born in Santo Domingo, used learned legs to keep his opponent's "hands of stone" from reaching his vital parts. He kept Duran off balance and occasionally flurried successfully landing the cleanest blows to the head up to round seven.

The champion plodded forward constantly cutting the ring, but Fernandez was too resourceful, darting in and out and staying within safe range for preservation.

Beginning round eight, Duran's pressing tactic looked like it was paying off. By the end of the round Villomar was slowing down. He went into round nine with diminished speed in his footwork. Duran's abdominal shots were taking their toll.

In round ten, the champion landed a bruising right hand to the head of Villomar, who showed rubbery legs and unsteady gait. It was plain that he was hurt, but instinctively his legs carried him to safe quarters. Duran persistently tried to nail his floundering opponent for the finisher, but Villomar was high on survival. In fact, in the closing moments of the round, the challenger showed disdain for Duran's power as he invited the WBA champion to meet him at close range.

During rounds 11 and 12, Duran continued his tireless attack as he landed to the body of a challenger, now considerably tarnished physically, but not in courage. Fernandez appeared spent. He was not punching frequently and landed little as Duran followers visualized the ending short of the scheduled distance.

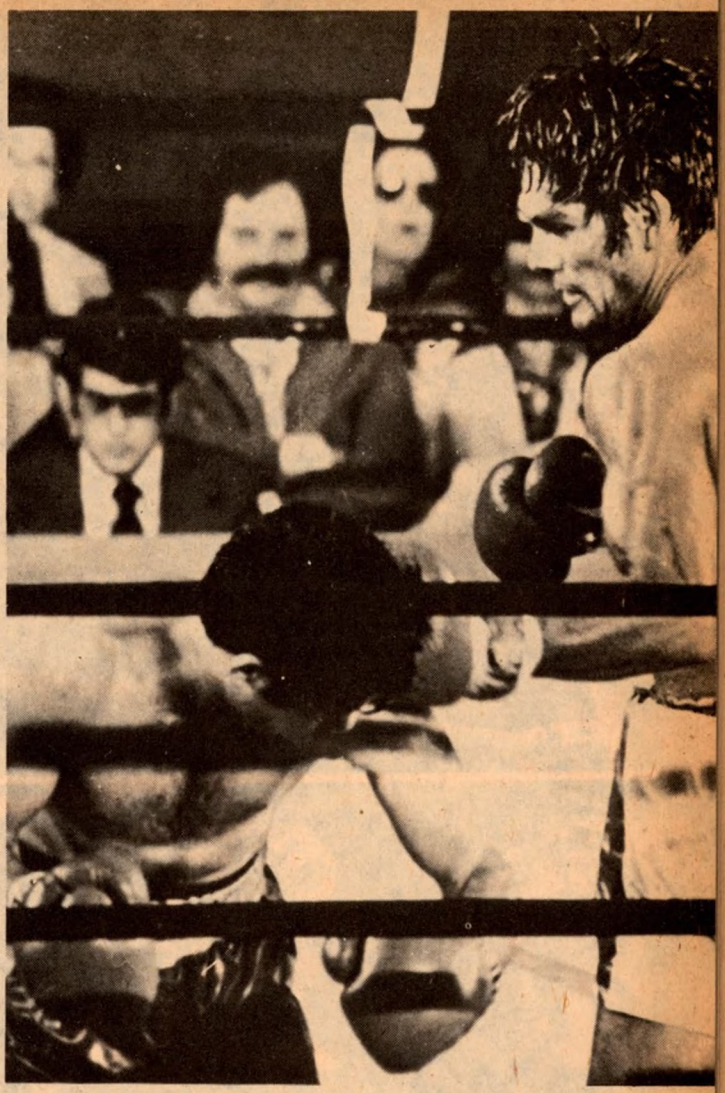


World lightweight champ Roberto Duran is jarred by a straight right thrown by challenger Villomar Fernandez during their Miami title-bout.

Panama's Roberto Duran shakes his fist at the Dominican republic's Villomar Fernandez during the weigh-in for their lightweight title contest. Duran came in at 134¼, Fernandez, 134½.

ROBERTO DURAN TAKES OUT VILLOMAR FERNANDEZ IN 13

First round action shows Duran wading in with a left to the head of Fernandez. The champ continuously stalked Villomar until the later was ultimately rendered helpless in the 13th round.



(Below) Duran doubles Fernandez with a right to the body, and (above) ends the fight with a left to the challenger's head. Villomar did manage to keep Duran off balance for the early part of the bout, but could not withstand the champ's tireless attack.

Finally, in round 13, Duran caught challenger Fernandez with a powerful right hook and then a left hook to the mid-section. Fernandez sank to the deck in a neutral corner, with little inclination to rise as Panamanian referee Servio Lay counted him out. The valliant Fernandez was hurt, with blurred vision and breathing difficulty.

The super-champ, Duran, made it ten straight defenses of his title via the knockout route, chalking up new records along the way. Duran brought his overall record to 55-1-0, with 45 victories by K.O., while Villomar Fernandez dropped to 20-6-1.

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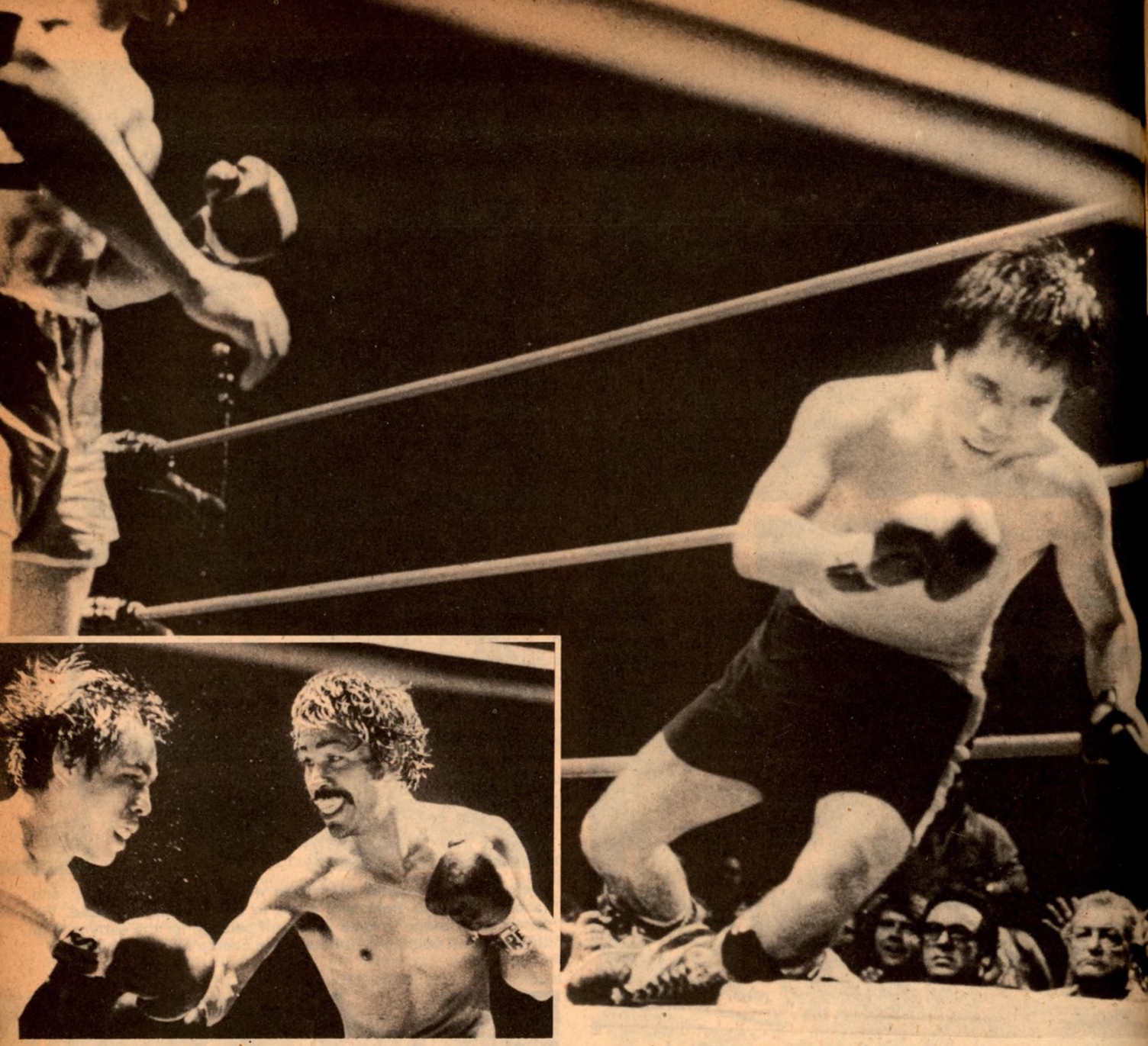

Carlos Palomino follows through on a right to the face of Armando Muniz during their WBC welter title bout in Los Angeles, California. Palomino successfully defended his title when a right-left to the head of Muniz sent him to the mat (above).

PALOMINO ICES MUNIZ IN LAST 36 SECONDS

By DON FRASER

LOS ANGELES—In one of the most dramatic finishes in recent memory, Carlos Palomino retained his World Boxing Council welterweight championship when he knocked out Armando Muniz with only 36 seconds remaining in the 15-rounder at the Olympic Auditorium.

With most of the near-sellout crowd of 9,028 on its feet and screaming, referee John Thomas moved between the exhausted battlers and raised Palomino's hand at 2:24 of the 15th. Moments earlier, a long-range right-left to the head had sent the bullish challenger to the floor.

Muniz, who now has failed on three bids for the championship, arose immediately, but was in serious trouble. Palomino, making the first defense of the title he won last June, after two postponements, seemed to sense the end. He scored frequently, had Muniz groggy and sagging, and almost put him away before Thomas intervened.

"I didn't stop it sooner because I thought he was still in the fight," Thomas said. "But then I had to stop it because Muniz was going to get hurt."

Muniz in tears after what probably was his last hope for the title, was bitter. Asked if he thought the fight should've been stopped, he said, "My corner does; I don't. I had no business losing to this guy. Maybe somebody up there is trying to tell me something."

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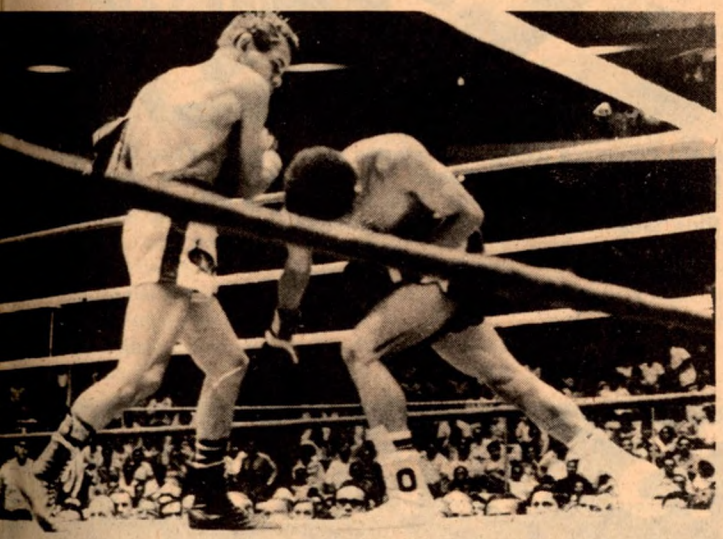
ORTEGA WINS VACATED WBA 126 TITLE



(Left) Francisco "Toro" Coronado follows through on a right to the head of Rafael Ortega. (Above) Coronado, Nicaragua, pummels Ortega, Panama, into the ropes during the Panama City featherweight title-bout.

PANAMA CITY, PANAMA—In what was a highly unpopular 15 round decision, Panama's Rafael Ortega annexed the WBA version of the world featherweight crown when he beat Nicaragua's Francisco "Toro" Coronado.

The 126 pound title has been vacant since the WBA stripped

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Zarate Remains Undefeated

By EDUARDO AMER

ESTADO DE MEXICO: Carlos Zarate, 118, was credited with a technical knockout over Fernando Cabanela, 116, of the Philippines, when their affair was halted at the beginning of the third round because of a cut over Cabanela's right eye. The Filipino was bleeding so profusely that the referee, George Latka, ended the bout, but many in the crowd protested the verdict because they felt that Zarate should have been disqualified since he butted Cabanela in round 2. It was officially tabbed an accident. Zarate retained his WBC world bantamweight title.

This was Cabanela's third attempt at a championship title. He lost on previous attempts against Japanese Masao Ohba for a flyweight title and South Korean Soo Hwan Hong, bantamweight, for a championship.

Fernando has been boxing as a pro for some 13 years. He had a record of 51-10. Six out of his ten defeats were at the hands of Mexican fighters.

Carlos won the W.B.C. title from another Mexican, Rodolfo Martinez, May 8, 1976. He defended the title twice, beating Australian Paul Ferreri and Japanese Waruinge Nakayama. Zarate's record is now 47-0, with 46 kayo's.

A crowd of over 20,000 attended the bout held in Toreo de Cuatro Caminos arena.

The Filipino boxer was outclassed from the start. Carlos was just too much for the old man to handle. Cabanela is known to have

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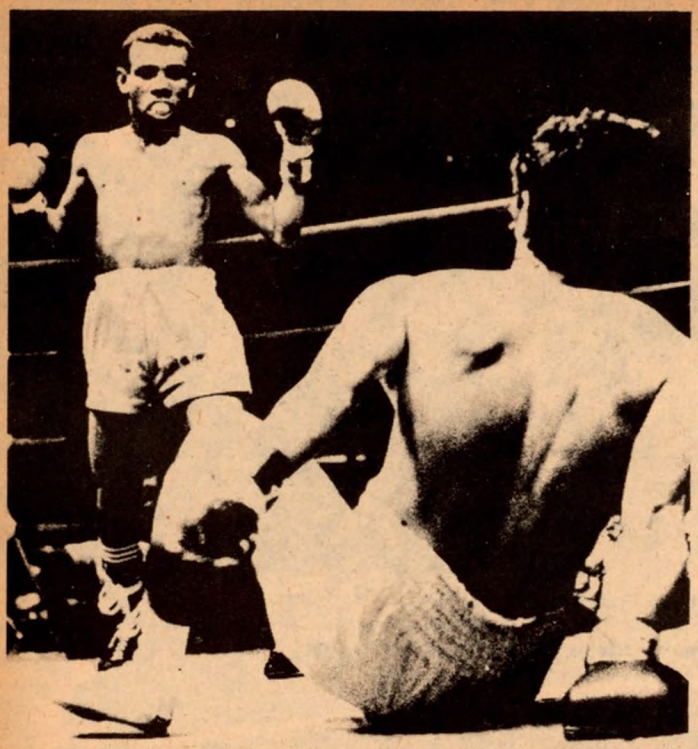
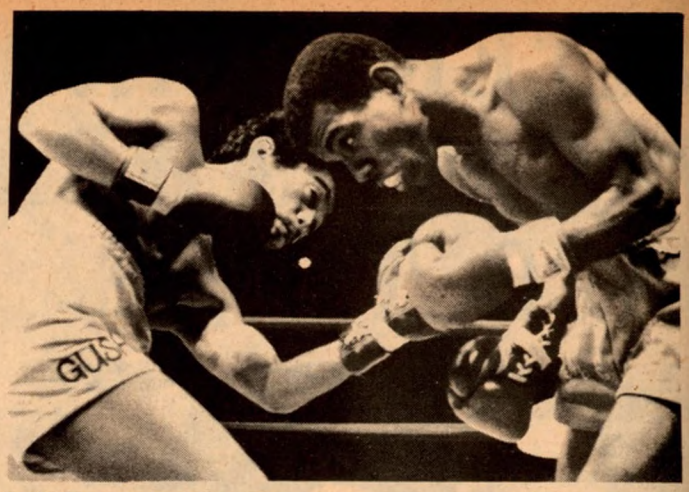
In a Mexico City WBC bantamweight title-contest, Carlos Zarate, Mexico, right, successfully defended his title when the fight was stopped in round three due to a bad gash over the right eye of challenger Fernando Cabanela, Philippines, left.





(Left) Panama's Jaime Rios stands over Japan's Yoko Gushiken in round three of the Tokyo title-bout. (Above) The defending WBA Jr. flyweight champ, Gushiken, lands a left to the body of Rios. Gushiken took a 15 round split decision.

GUSHIKEN GETS OFF MAT TO TAKE NOD FROM RIOS

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

TOKYO, JAPAN — Southpaw puncher Yoko Gushiken, 21-year-old junior flyweight champion, got off the canvas in the third round, fought back strongly with body punches and pounded out a split but, popular, 15-round decision from Jaime Rios, of Panama, to retain the WBA title at Nihon Budokan (Martial Arts Hall) near the Emperor's Palace. A card featuring the unbeaten lefty, best attraction in Japan, drew some 11,000 customers.

It was a gory war. Rios, 23 years of age and former titlist, utilized his feet rather than his fists and appeared to annoy the aggressive champion in earlier rounds. Tricky movements were displayed by Rios, a Fancy Dan, who averted most of the scrappy lefthander's leading punches in the opening session.

Gushiken, who had dethroned Juan Guzman, of the Dominican Republic, via a spectacular seventh round kayo in Kofu City last October, was awarded "Fighter of the Year" honors by the Tokyo Writers Club. Gushiken realized that Rios was an elusive target in spite of his lack of power. The Okinawa born lefty sent plenty of right leads to probe Rios' real power, though most were missing the mark.

The two fighters fought in the first two rounds without any effective punches.

The sellout crowd who gathered in the big arena, rarely opened for boxing matches since a Sho Saijo vs. Godfrey Stevens featherweight card seven years ago, was amazed to witness Gushiken hit the deck from Rios' sudden, light, but well timed right in the third session. The Japanese pulled himself up immediately to insist that it was due to the slippery floor, but Rudy Ortega, stout third man from the U.S., called a mandatory eight count against Gushiken, who did not seem to be hurt much and who came back calmly with straight punches. However, it was a bad round for the Japanese, as he suffered from a rather wide gash due to an accidental butt when he mixed it up to overcome the knockdown. The cut over Gushiken's left eyebrow bled profusely as the speedy contest progressed.

In round four Gushiken, taller by three inches than Rios, began a body attack which caused his rival's nuisance mobility to soon fade. As Rios took some solid shots to the breadbasket, he made the best use of his footwork to keep the distance, avoiding Gushiken's strong rally. The aggressive defending champ won the round.

Neither of the small guys in the 108 pound class established by WBA in 1975 scored with good blows in the fifth and sixth rounds. Gushiken's combinations were often missing because of the vigorous bobbing and weaving of Rios, who threw fewer punches, but whose feet were in full action.

Gushiken, bearded upright stylist, dominated the seventh canto by a clear margin. His persistent body punches caught Rios at close quarters to stop his deft mobility for awhile.

In the eighth round Rios did not move as much as previously, but tossed long rights at the bleeding southpaw's face. Gushiken sent back more blows to his opponent's midsection to make it a toe-to-toe battle on even terms.

Jaime Rios, who had defeated Japan's champion Kazunori Tenryu in 15 fast heats one year ago in his first visit in Tokyo, tried to

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FOREMAN POUNDS OUT AGOSTO IN FOUR

By GORDY PETERSON

PENSACOLA, FLORIDA—In a display of sheer punching power, George Foreman, the number one heavyweight contender, scored a fourth round knockout over Pedro Agosto, the Puerto Rican heavyweight champion. Foreman had put Agosto on the canvas four times before he went down for the fifth and final time. The end to the nationally televised fight came at 2:34 of the fourth round when referee Jay Edson enforced the three knockdown rule and stopped the lopsided contest.

Foreman came out in the first round and appeared bored with the fight, toying with the maintenance worker from Oradell, N.J. The only incidents in the first two rounds to which the crowd responded were referee Edson's attempts to pull up Agosto's trunks which continually dropped below his waist.

It appeared that Foreman was measuring Agosto for the moment George was going to put him into orbit.

In the third round George began throwing devastating body punches and combinations to the head. Pedro began to look for a place to hide, but discovered quickly that there wasn't anyplace.

The confrontation, which looked something like David and Goliath, moved toward an ending in the third round, when Foreman sent the outclassed Puerto Rican to the deck twice with uppercuts to the chin. Agosto jumped up at the count of eight both times and motioned to Foreman that he was ready for more. A solid left and right followed, and then a right uppercut sent Agosto reeling in the fourth round, but the game Agosto, who could easily have stayed down to no one's displeasure, was up at the count of nine, ready for more.

Foreman then blasted an overhand right off his jaw and it was down again for Agosto. After another count of nine, he moved toward Foreman and into a left-right combination that ended the fight.

Although the courageous Agosto offered little opposition for the former heavyweight champion, the fight did serve the purpose of keeping Foreman active as he pursues a rematch with the only man to defeat him, Muhammad Ali. "Pedro Agosto has nothing to be ashamed of," Foreman said after the fight. "He came at me and did his best, but I was just too much for him."

Agosto, who gave away nine inches in reach lost for the seventh time against 26 victories and one draw. Agosto received $15,000 for his efforts, three times as much as any previous purse in his career. Foreman

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Puerto Rico's Pedro Agosto grimaces from a hard right to the head thrown by top rated heavyweight George Foreman. Foreman had Agosto on the mat four times before the fifth and final time in round four.

Agosto is down for the third time in round four. Referee Jay Edson enforced the three knockdown rule at 2:34 of the round to stop the lopsided contest.

ROUND TWO: U.S. Boxing Championships

By STU BERMAN

Photographs By Dwight Johnson

Editor and Publisher of RING magazine, Nat Loubet, awards heavyweight George Foreman with RING magazine's Fighter of the Year award at the U.S. Championship Tourney at Annapolis.

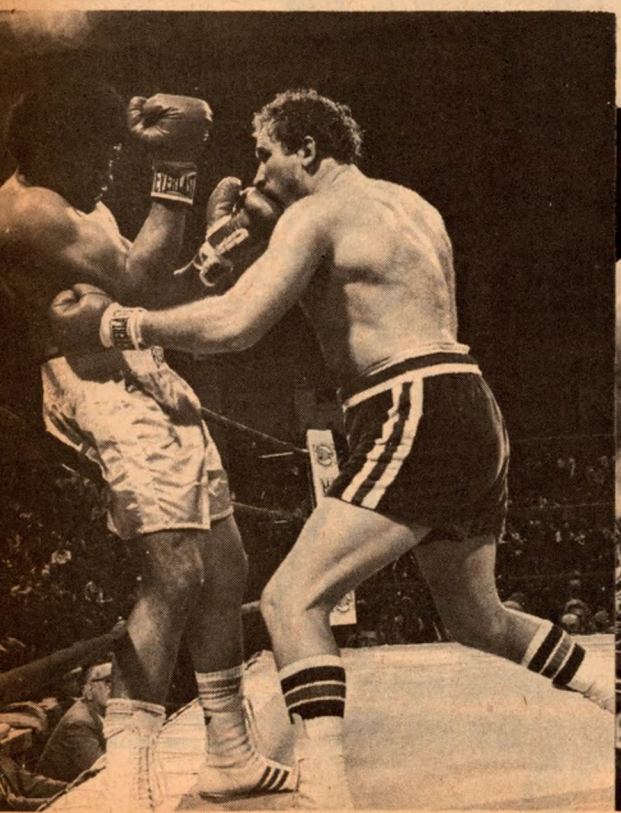
U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY, ANNAPOLIS, MD.—You would think that Howard Cosell would look out of place wearing a brown tuxedo on a sun splashed afternoon, strolling across the venerated Naval Academy grounds. You would think that, but you would be wrong. For almost anything goes when a professional boxing show comes to town—Annapolis or any other locale, even an aircraft carrier. If this was Sunday, February 13 then it certainly was Round Two: U.S. Boxing Championships.

On campus, the Halsey Fieldhouse was filled to the rafters with mid-shipmen, assorted Navy personnel and rabid boxing fans from the Baltimore-Washington corridor. They came in droves to witness the resurgence of the fight game and an action packed program of pro boxing. The package could only have been put together by the diverse talents of Don King Productions, ABC Sports and *Ring* magazine.

In the arena, a non-descript Navy official introduced the ring announcer. No one even noticed when he bounced through the ropes wearing a bright red blazer and red high heel patent leather boots. He in turn, introduced Don King. The mellifluous Mr. King offered remarks which were hard to hear, but no one missed his resplendent dress patterns. King is cognizant of the fact that no man alive can burlesque a show like he can.

Vivid testimony to this was his brown-gold jacket with matching vest and mink fur bow tie for openers. Promoter King represents kind of a combination of P.T. Barnum and Sammy Davis, Jr. All the sartorial splendor was a significant side show to the main event.

It was indeed a great day for professional



(Left) In a very controversial fight Johnny Boudreaux, left, Houston, took a unanimous decision over heavyweight Scott LeDoux, right. (Below) In a light heavyweight toe-to-toe slugfest, Ray Elson, Brooklyn, N.Y., right, won a T.K.O. victory over game Biff Cline, Hillcrest Heights, Maryland, left, in four.

Middleweights Casey Gacic, Cleveland, right, and Leo Saenz, Potomic, Maryland, right, battled for eight rounds in which Gacic was dropped three times, but fought his way back for the nod.

Richard Rozelle, left, New York City, took a unanimous decision over David Vasquez, Detroit, right, in the featherweight bout.

(Below) A classy Edwin Viruet, right, New York City, KO'd Tommy Rose, Boston, left, at 2:49 of the fourth round. Theirs was a lightweight contest.

boxing in this country. This was a quarter final card in a series of elimination programs designed to establish through open competition U.S. professional ring champions in all major weight classes. There were 6 bouts from featherweights to heavyweights.

Before the heavyweight wind-up contest, a special presentation was made at ringside and highlighted by the ABC television network. Nat Loubet, publisher of RING magazine was introduced by Howard Cosell to honor George Foreman, as the "Fighter of the Year" selected by RING. Loubet, who was nattily attired in a navy blue blazer, presented Foreman with a handsome marble plaque. Boxing savants universally agree that the annual award was richly deserved by George Foreman—the world's leading contender for the heavyweight title.

Later, Mr. Loubet told this writer that the

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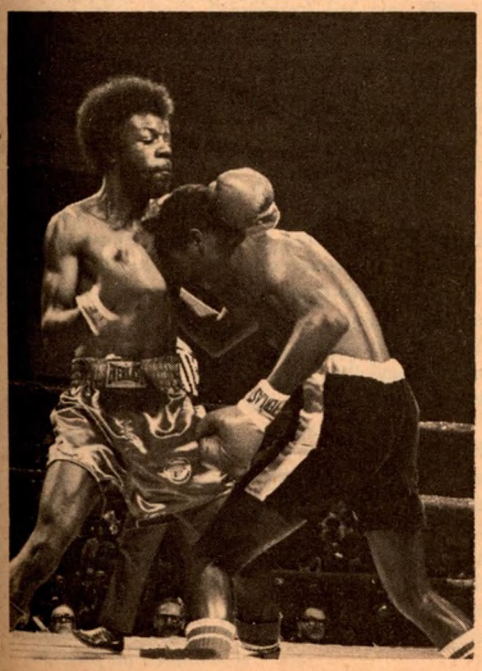
The welterweight contest saw Washington D.C.'s, Johnny Gant, right, KO Anthony House at 1:43 of the second round.



Leonard Cops Nod Over Vega in Debut

By ED SCULLEN

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Boxing in the National Capitol Area is still a sometime thing, but several local fighters have gained a measure of fame by appearing on televised cards in nearby Baltimore and Annapolis.

A Baltimore production held in early February rocked the local fight crowd as Olympic Gold Medal winner Sugar Ray Leonard of nearby Palmer Park made his pro debut on national TV (CBS) in a six-rounder against journeyman Luis Vega. The 20-year-old veteran of well over 100 amateur contests eventually received in the neighborhood of $40,000 as his end of a contract signed with the city government and the TV people.

Leonard scored a unanimous decision and completely dominated the action. The slower Vega was no match for the flashy Gold Medalist.

Few members of the boxing fraternity actually begrudged the young man his whopping payday for a short evening's work, but a variety of insiders were heard to express the feeling, "What happens next?" For a single promoter operating on his own funds, and without the backing and publicity of a large organization, the act is impossible to follow. The lingering doubt remains too, even after another TV date, whether local boxing will be any better off then it has been since the death 18 months ago of top local impresario, Eli Hannover. Hannover had built boxing up to a decent level in both Baltimore and Washington by regular shows.

Outside of Leonard, virtually no attempt is being made to build

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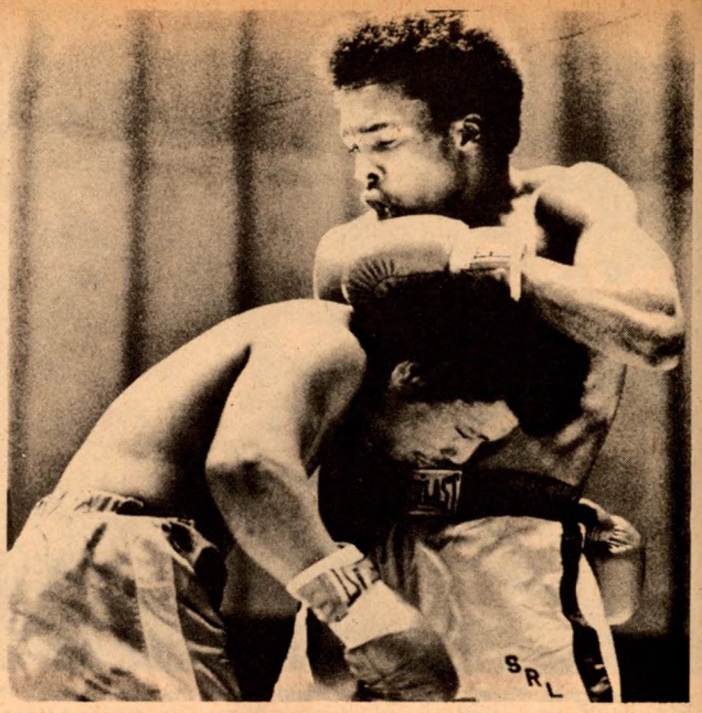

Luis "The Bull" Vega wearily holds on to Sugar Ray Leonard in round three of their six-rounder. The Montreal Gold Medalist, Leonard, completely dominated the action.

BRISCOE AND VINSON BRAWL FOR 10

By NIGEL COLLINS

Philadelphia's Bennie Briscoe mixes it up with California's Karl Vinson during the Philadelphia middleweight contest that went the distance. Briscoe took a unanimous decision.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Perennial middleweight contender Bennie Briscoe slugged his way to a unanimous ten-round decision over teak-tough Californian Karl Vinson at the Spectrum. The fight was an inspiring brawl, and each man was forced to reach deep into his reserve of strength and courage in order to last.

Although hundreds of punches were landed by both, it was Briscoe's superior power that won the war. The Philadelphian's thudding body shots weakened the loser, and his chopping blows to the head reduced Vinson's face to the consistency of raw hamburger.

A crowd of 4,159 braved sub-zero temperatures and ice covered roads to cheer Briscoe on to victory.

The fight opened fast and the pace seldom lagged. Vinson, 160, was eager to get at Briscoe, and they stood toe-to-toe through most of the first round. It was a round that set the tone for the rest of the fight.

Briscoe, 159, slashed open a cut over Vinson's left eye in the second. It was a wound that grew steadily worse as the fight progressed. Only excellent work from Vinson's corner saved their fighter from a technical knockout.

"Bad" Bennie's infighting technique gave him a definite edge in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth. A wicked left hook to the body almost toppled Karl in the fifth, but he bravely hung in there.

In spite of the punishment he absorbed, Vinson never stopped

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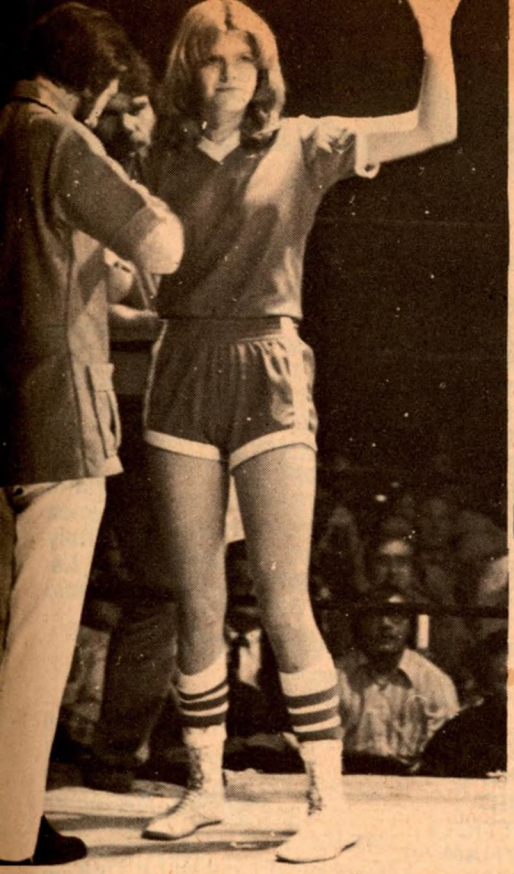

Cathy Davis Shows Ring Saavy in KO'ing Margie Dunson in Two

By HANK NARROW

Cathy "Cat" Davis acknowledges her victory as former welterweight Sal Algieri assists in removing her gloves and wrist tape.

Margie Dunson suffered her first defeat in two years at the hands of Davis in their Allentown, Pennsylvania, bout.

ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA—Distaff pugilists liberated the boxing scene in Eastern Pennsylvania as pretty blonde Cathy "Cat" Davis KO'ed Margie Dunson before a whooping and hollering crowd at the Holiday Inn West.

The 5'10", 142-pound Davis floored Dunson after 48 seconds were gone in the second round of a bout scheduled for six, two-minute rounds. Moments earlier, Dunson had stunned Davis with a hard right to the blonde's left eye. Davis countered with a left-right combination, sending Dunson to the deck for the full count. Dunson, a sturdily-built 146-pounder, needed assistance back to her corner and then from the ring.

The women's bout produced the only knockout during the evening's card of five professional fights.

The 24-year-old Davis lays claim to the women's world lightweight championship. Her record is now 13-0 with 11 KO's. Dunson, a 26-year-old native of Alabama fighting out of Portland, Maine, was previously undefeated. Her record is currently 4-1 with 3 KO's.

Miss Davis, fighting out of Lodi, New Jersey, is two semesters short of graduation from New Orleans University where she majored in drama and communications. She was an amateur fencing champion—a five-time winner of the Louisiana division of the Amateur Fencers League of America. "Cat" notes many fencing moves are similar to boxing.

Although Davis is a professional, she boxes for fun and exercise. She trains regularly six or seven days a week in the gym and does three miles of roadwork daily. "Cat" is trained and managed by Sal Algieri, the former North American Junior Lightweight Champion.

Even more unusual than a woman boxer is the relationship between manager and fighter. Algieri said he intends to marry Miss Davis. Although Algieri claims there are about 1,000 female boxers in the country, their marriage could produce the first husband-and-wife fight combination.

Margie Dunson, who's been boxing for two years, is a nurse with an 18-month-old daughter. Ms. Dunson says she's fighting for the money—to supplement her income. Despite her loss, Dunson will continue to pur-

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(Below left) Dunson blocks a left thrown by Davis, a former amateur fencing champion. (Below right) Davis connects with a left to the head of Dunson, which was followed by a right, decking Dunson.

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HEAVYWEIGHT
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MUHAMMAD ALI ..... Chicago, Ill.
1—GEORGE FOREMAN ..... Houston, Texas
2—KEN NORTON ..... San Diego, Calif.
3—JIMMY YOUNG ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4—LARRY HOLMES ..... Easton, Pa.
5—DUANE BOBICK ..... Bowlus, Minn.
6—HOWARD SMITH ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7—JOHNNY BOUDREAUX ..... Houston, Texas
8—STAN WARD ..... Sacramento, Calif.
9—RON LYLE ..... Denver, Colo.
10—JOE BUGNER ..... England

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1—VICTOR GALINDEZ* ..... Argentina
2—LEN HUTCHINS ..... Detroit, Mich.
3—RICHIE KATES ..... Brighton, N.J.
4—JOHN CONTEH** ..... England
5—JESSE BURNETT ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6—BOBBY CASSIDY ..... Brentwood, L.I., N.Y.
7—MIGUEL CUELLO ..... Argentina
8—VONZELL JOHNSON ..... Kalamazoo, Mich.
9—ALVARO LOPEZ ..... Stockton, Calif.
10—MIKE ROSSMAN ..... Turnesville, N.J.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

CARLOS MONZON ..... Argentina
1—MIKE COLBERT ..... Portland, Ore.
2—RODRIGO VALDES ..... Colombia
3—BENNIE BRISCOE ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4—BOBBY WATTS ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
5—DAVID LOVE ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6—ALAN MINTER ..... England
7—GRATIEN TONNA ..... France
8—VITO ANTUOFERMO ..... Italy
9—TONY LICATA ..... New Orleans, La.
10—CASEY GACIC ..... Cleveland, Ohio

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MIGUEL ANGEL CASTELLINI* ..... Argentina
1—ECKHARD DAGGE** ..... Germany
2—MAURICE HOPE ..... England
3—ELISHA OBED ..... Nassau, Bahamas
4—ROCKY MATTIOLI ..... Australia
5—MONTY BETHAM ..... New Zealand
6—JOSE DURAN ..... Spain
7—MIGUEL CAMPANINO ..... Argentina
8—KOICHI WAJIMA ..... Japan
9—FRANK WISSENBACK ..... Germany
10—ALVIN ANDERSON ..... Baltimore, Md.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

CARLOS PALOMINO** ..... Mexico
1—PETE RANZANY ..... Sacramento, Calif.
2—CLYDE GRAY ..... Canada
3—JOSE CUEVAS* ..... Mexico
4—JOHN STRACEY ..... England
5—ARMANDO MUNIZ ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6—RANDY SHIELDS ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7—JOHNNY GANT ..... Washington, D.C.
8—ANGEL ESPADA ..... Puerto Rico
9—MIGUEL BARRETO ..... Puerto Rico
10—MEL DENNIS ..... Houston, Texas

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

WILFREDO BENITEZ ..... Puerto Rico
1—ANTONIO CERVANTES ..... Colombia
2—SHENGSAK MUANGSURIN** ..... Thailand
3—HECTOR THOMPSON ..... Australia
4—DAVID GREEN ..... England
5—RUDY HERNANDEZ ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6—MONROE BROOKS ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7—NICOLINO LOCHE ..... Argentina
8—SAOUL MAMBY ..... New York, N.Y.
9—MIKE EVERETT ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
10—CEMAL KAMACI ..... Austria

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ROBERTO DURAN* ..... Panama
1—ESTEBAN DeJESUS** ..... Puerto Rico
2—EDWIN VIRUET ..... Puerto Rico
3—VICENTE SALDIVAR ..... Mexico
4—VILOMAR FERNANDEZ ..... Dominican Rep.
5—PERICO FERNANDEZ ..... Spain
6—HECTOR MEDINA ..... Dominican Rep.
7—JOSUE MARQUEZ ..... Puerto Rico
8—HUGO BARRAZA ..... Colombia
9—GIANCARLO USAI ..... Italy
10—FERNAND ROELANDS ..... Belgium

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SAMUEL SERRANO* ..... Puerto Rico
1—ALFREDO ESCALERA** ..... Puerto Rico
2—TYRONE EVERETT† ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
3—WALTER SEELEY ..... Sayville, N.Y.
4—RAFAEL LIMON ..... Mexico
5—BEN VILLAFLOR ..... Philippines
6—APOLLO YOSHIO ..... Japan
7—BLAKENEY MATTHEWS ..... South Africa
8—REUBEN CASTILLO ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
9—SIGFREDO RODRIGUEZ ..... Mexico
10—EZEQUIEL SANCHEZ ..... Dominican Rep.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ALEXIS ARGUELLO ..... Nicaragua
1—DANNY LOPEZ** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
2—YUM DONG-KYUN ..... South Korea
3—LIONEL HERNANDEZ ..... Venezuela
4—ART HAFEY ..... Canada
5—EDER JOFRE ..... Brazil
6—JOSE CERVANTES ..... Colombia
7—PEDRO JIMINEZ ..... Spain
8—DAVID KOTEY POISON ..... Ghana
9—RAFAEL ORTEGA* ..... Panama
10—ELIO COTINA ..... Italy

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ALFONSO ZAMORA* ..... Mexico
1—CARLOS ZARATE** ..... Mexico
2—WILFREDO GOMEZ ..... Puerto Rico
3—EUSEBIO PEDROZA ..... Panama
4—RAUL TIRADA ..... Mexico
5—PADDY MAGUIRE ..... Ireland
6—FRANK DUARTE ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7—ROBERT RUVALDINO ..... Mexico
8—SALVATORE FABRIZIO ..... Italy
9—DANIEL TRIOULAIRE ..... France
10—SEAN O'GRADY ..... Oklahoma City, Okla.

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MIGUEL CANTO** ..... Mexico
1—GUTTY ESPADAS* ..... Mexico
2—YOKO GUSHIKEN ..... Japan
3—LUIS ESTABE ..... Venezuela
4—JORGE LUJAN ..... Panama
5—JUAN GUZMAN ..... Dominican Rep.
6—ALFONSO LOPEZ ..... Panama
7—BETULIO GONZALEZ ..... Venezuela
8—JUAN ALVAREZ ..... Mexico
9—WILLIE JANSEN† ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
10—PATRICK MAMBRWE ..... Zamba

ESTEBAN DeJESUS
FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

THIS month's award goes to the W.B.C. lightweight champion Esteban DeJesus, Puerto Rico, for his title defense against Buzzsaw Yamabe, of Japan, in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Others were Yum Dong-Kyun, W.B.C. superbantamweight champion; Carlos Zarate, W.B.C. bantamweight king; Roberto Duran, world lighteweight king; world welterweight champion Carlos Palomino, Mexico; George Foreman, ex-heavyweight king; W.B.C. junior welter champ Shengsak Muangsurin, Thailand; world junior lighteweight king Samuel Serrano, Puerto Rico and middleweight Casey Gacic, Cleveland.

Dong-Kyun retained his W.B.C. super bantamweight title with a close 15 round decision over Colombia's Jose Cervantes, in Seoul, South Korea.

Carlos Zarate stopped Fernando Cabanela in the third round of their W.B.C. bantamweight title bout at Mexico City.

Roberto Duran stopped a tough Vilomar Fernandez, Dominican Rep. in the 13th round, at Miami Beach, to retain his world lightweight title.

World welterweight king Carlos Palomino kayoed Armando Muniz in the last round of their title contest in Los Angeles, Calif.

Former heavy king George Foreman kayoed Puerto Rico's Pedro Agosto in the fourth round of their bout in Pensacola, Fla.

Muangsurin, W.B.C. junior welterweight champ, stopped Los Angeles' Monroe Brooks in the 15th round in Thailand.

World junior lightweight king, Puerto Rico's Samuel Serrano, stopped Alberto Herrera, 11th, at Guayaquil, Ecuador.

Casey Gacic, Cleveland, won an eighth nod from Leo Saenz, Baltimore. Gacic got off the floor three times to win.

Champions: *WBA **WBC †U.S.

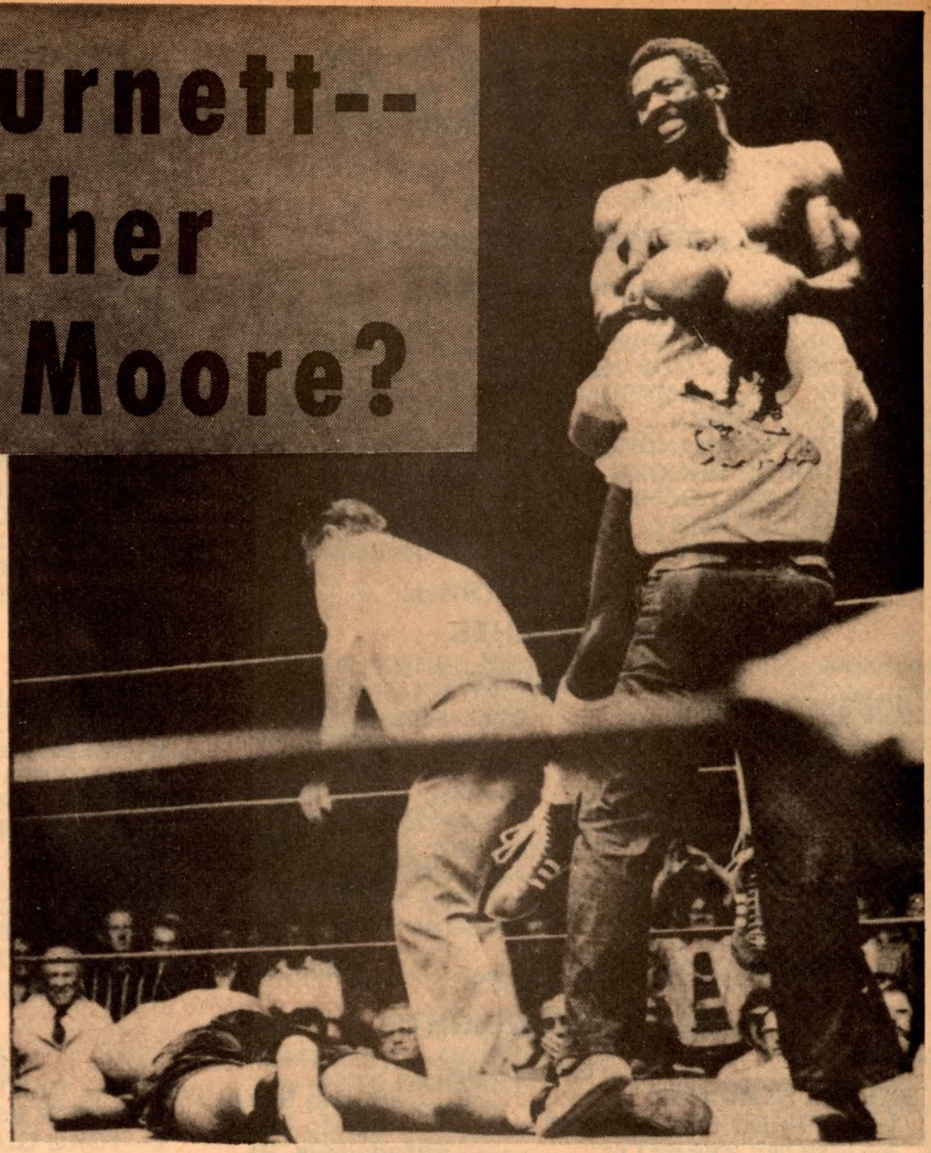
PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

NAMES	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Ossie Ocasio Puerto Rico	4/76	6	6	0	0	5
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT						
Jerry Martin Philadelphia, Pa.	4/76	3	3	0	0	1
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Daniel Levesque Canada	3/75	14	14	0	0	11
WELTERWEIGHT						
Bruce Curry Los Angeles, Calif.	8/76	5	5	0	0	3

NAME	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
LIGHTWEIGHT						
Bill Pearish Joplin, Mo.	6/76	8	7	1	0	6
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Jimmy Farrell Rockland, Mass.	1/76	13	12	0	1	2
BANTAMWEIGHT						
Oscar Muniz Los Angeles, Calif.	8/76	4	3	1	0	2
FLYWEIGHT						
Sergio Reyes Laredo, Texas	1/76	9	7	2	0	5

Jessie Burnett-- Another Archie Moore?

By JESS HERNANDEZ



LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Thirty-one year old light heavyweight contender Jesse Burnett is being hailed as another Archie Moore in pugilistic circles on the West Coast. Like Moore, Burnett, a lanky and hard socking 175-pounder, comes from San Diego, California, the home base of the former champion. Whether Burnett, a father of two kids, can scale the top rung of the fistic ladder and emulate his ring idol, Moore, is pretty much in the hands of his manager, Jesse Reid. Burnett, 15-3-1, started his professional career at the age when most ringmen contemplate retirement. However, Jesse has flashed enough fistic ability and skill to merit a championship fight with either Victor Galindez or England's John Conteh.

In fact, Burnett became an international boxing star following his split decision loss to Victor Galindez in a 10 rounder in Copenhagen. Losing and winning split decisions have marred the near unblemished boxing ledger of the San Diego native. Burnett's fight with Galindez was one of the best fistic attractions seen in Copenhagen in many years. "Burnett's loss was a terrible miscarriage as boxing decisions go," said manager Reid. "Jesse fought aggressively, going to the shorter, bull-like champion with jabs, hooks and uppercuts, but Galindez rallied in the last two rounds to pull the fight back. It was by all accounts a desperately close affair," added Reid.

Manager Jesse Reid has been burning the long distance wires to Argentina, hoping to entice Galindez to defend his WBA 175 world crown in the near future. The fight that shot Burnett to the top rankings of the light heavyweight class was his impressive six-round kayo of Tony Mundine last May. The lanky, 6-1 Burnett jolted the Aussie title contender with a looping righthand shot that stretched Mundine out cold.

Burnett also looked sharp in outpointing veteran Willie Taylor in ten, and he whipped Eddie "Bossman" Jones before a partisan throng in San Diego.

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The sensational knockout of Australian Tony Mundine in Brisbane last May lifted Jesse Burnett right to the top rung of the light heavyweight ladder.

(Right) Burnett has WBA champ Victor Galindez covering up on the ropes as he lashes him with a two-fisted attack. Galindez eked out a split decision in the non-title ten-rounder in Copenhagen, Denmark.

INGO, AT 44, STILL IN LIMELIGHT

By SVEN EKSTROM

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Word reaching here from the United States is that there are rumors across the Atlantic that Ingemar Johansson, the former world heavyweight champion, has fallen upon "bad times."

As the American writer, Mark Twain, once said about accounts of his alleged death, the reports are greatly exaggerated.

At 44, Ingo is still in the limelight in Sweden, and a very popular figure in the sports world.

It is true, however, that there have been some changes in his life.

He and his wife, Birgit, were divorced in 1969, but they still are close to each other. Most of the summers they spend together with the children at Ingemar's summer house on the Swedish west coast.

Their son, Patrick, 15, is a student at the Lundberg's Gymnasium, a "high society" school where several members of the Swedish royal family have studied.

The big house at Sandlyckan outside Göteborg is now the living place for Ingo's parents, Ebba and Jens, and Birgit lives in a nearby house, which Ingemar bought her.

Last year, Ingo bought a house in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, but he has no intention of settling down there. Besides, he has an apartment at Palma de Mallorca.

He has sold his big fishing boat, "Ingo" (there are bad times for the Swedish fishing industry right now) and since 1975 he has been separated from his partner in "Ingo's Restaurant" at Göteborg.

Ingemar has taken good care of his ring earnings and is still fi-

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Former heavyweight champion Ingemar Johansson (above left) remains a popular figure in the Swedish sports world and remains in comfortable circumstances, although there have been some changes in his life. Ingo and Birgit (left) were divorced in 1969, and he has sold his fishing boat, "Ingo" (below).

Pat Coleman's Gym Is Going Places

bove) Pat Coleman, who is at the gym every day to help with ining chores, ties gloves on world rated middleweight Leo enz. (Below) Members of the Coleman stable are, from left to ht: Matt "Feet" Robinson, "Smokey" Joe Middleton, Bob Garvey, and C.J. Faison.

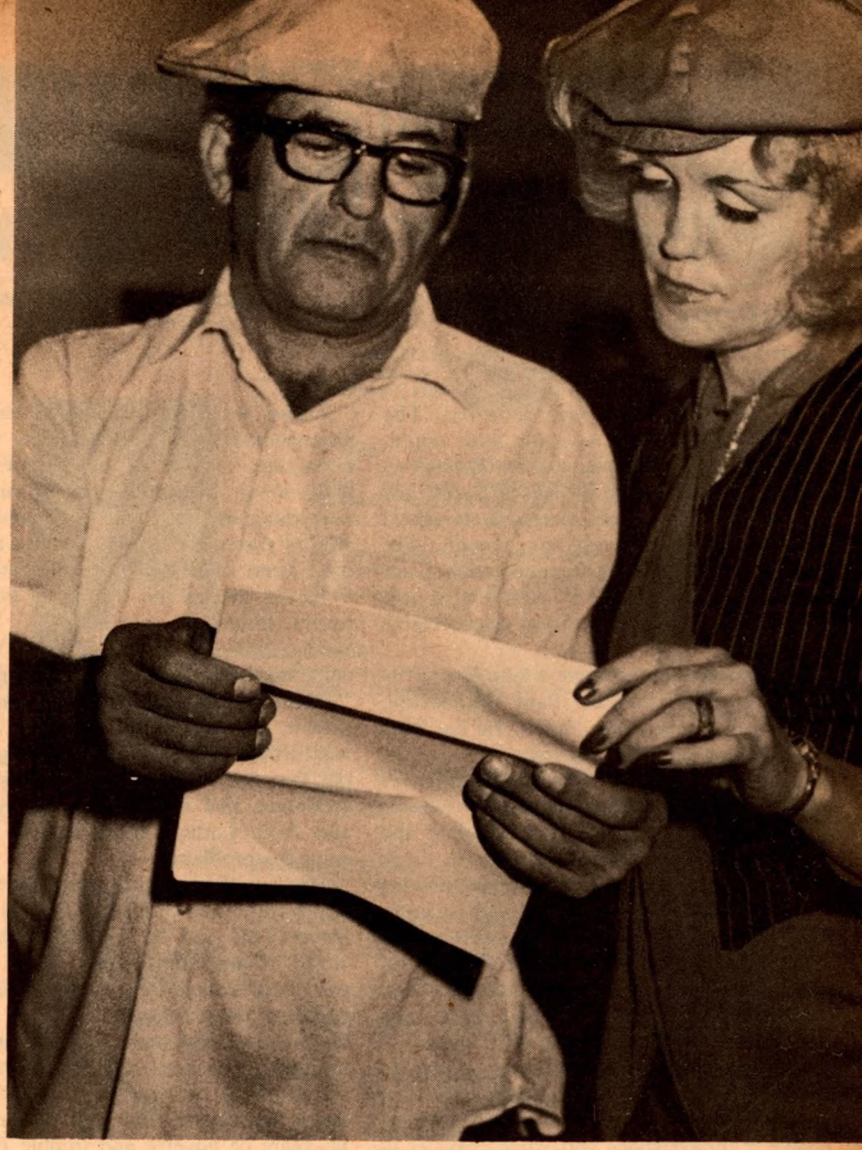
By ED SCULLEN

HYATTSVILLE, MD. — Down through the years the public image of boxing has become firmly identified with the dingy fight gym where young athletes strain through the daily training grind watched by shadowy, cigar chomping figures on the sidelines. Various media portrayals of the now legendary, but departed Stillman's Gym of New York, among others, have played a part in creating this image.

Boxing fans can now chalk up another gym of real character in Patricia Coleman's Boxing School of 5312 Baltimore Avenue, Hyattsville, Maryland. This is not to say that Pat's gym, a store front operation open only since April 1976, is in any way equal to the great Stillman's, but the raw material of a great fight story is certainly on hand any day, Monday through Friday, from 4-8 pm. Best of all, with tall, attractive Patricia on hand each day, the gym's interior is not the least bit dingy and attracts many new boxing fans.

In opening her one ring gym, Pat has set several local milestones. Besides being the first woman to open a professional boxing gymnasium in the Maryland-Washington, D.C. area, her gym marks the first time ever that local boxing has attempted to leave the inner city for the green pastures of suburbia. Previously, the only professional gymnasiums available were Finley's Gym in Washington and Sports Activities in Baltimore.

Pat's initial entry into the fight game came in March 1973 when she received her professional manager's license from the District of Columbia Athletic Commission. This was the first time the commission had granted a manager's license to a woman, and the decision was surrounded by considerable controversy. But after a couple of vocally heated meetings with Pat's husband and co-trainer, Ralph (Rocky) Coleman sticking up for his



(Above) Exhausted, Pat and Rocky Coleman leave ringside after Leo Saenz knocked out Tyrone Phelps at a Baltimore arena last December.

(Right) Pat and Rocky read the letter from the Maryland Commission which granted Pat a manager's license. Pat is not only the first woman to receive a license from the Commission, but is also the first woman to open a professional boxing Gymnasium in the Maryland-Washington D.C. area.

spouse, the commission relented and the license was granted.

Since that time, Pat has received seconds' licenses in Pennsylvania and Ohio and has worked the corners of her fighters in Philadelphia and Cleveland to the surprise and delight of fight crowds there.

Recently, though, Pat scored her biggest boxing success to date when she received her manager's license from the Maryland State Athletic Commission. Here again, there were initial delays in granting a license to a woman, but after checking Pat's record with the Ohio and Pennsylvania Boxing Commissions, the license was cheerfully granted.

Does Pat feel that she has been a victim of sex discrimination in entering boxing? The tall, blonde mother of three children says the initial problems in entering the traditionally male boxing field are mostly behind her now, and she feels she is right in the center of action. "It's true I had a little trouble at first getting into boxing," she explained recently, "but boxing people are accepting me more and more now. It's just tremendous. Both Barney Shankman, from the Washington Commission, and Jack Coen, from the Maryland Commission, have been very nice to me, and so has everyone else."

The story behind 33-year-old Pat and her fistic operation is as colorful and dynamic as any that the late Damon Runyon might have dreamed up. And, like many other great fight stories, the opening takes place in New York.

It seems that some 16 years ago, Pat, then a medical receptionist living in New York, met Rocky, the spiffy, red jacketed singing bartender at Staten Island's Melody Club. Soon, late night tête-à-têtes across the bar became a regular thing, and the couple got married some months later. "Actually," claims Rocky, the man who Pat privately calls a comedian, "I tried to get rid of Pat once—I put her on the Staten Island Ferry with only one-way fare, but she jumped off, so I figured it was a lost cause and we might as well get married."

Rocky, now 51, has an interest in boxing which goes back to his school days in the Bronx when he would spend all his spare time hanging around fight gyms. After Marine Corps service in World War II, Rocky took to the fight game himself as a welterweight campaigning from 1946-1953. "I was a fighter of no distinction," Rocky recalled recently. "I signed up with Jake La Motta's brother, and he and his friends always liked me because I was good with the wisecracks even then, and also because I looked a little like Rocky Graziano. Of course I couldn't fight like Graziano, and I guess that's why they always called me 'Pebbles.'

"But I had one good thing going for me, and that's that I could learn and I could teach others. So that's what I've been trying to do in boxing ever since."

A few years after their marriage, Pat and Rocky moved to Washington where Rocky opened a paint contracting business and gradually eased his way back into boxing, handling several club fighters and one potential star in welterweight Adrian Davis, who unfortunately had to retire because of an eye injury.

By the early 1970's Rocky was training several amateur fighters and bringing Pat along to work the corner. With Pat taking more interest in boxing it seemed natural to

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Gary "Hammer" Holmgren: a Portrait in Punch

By GEORGE D. BLAIR

THE dressing room was crowded. The young fighter had just won the most important fight of his fledgling career. The television lights were turned on and he spoke into the microphone. "He's tough. I thought I had him a couple of times, but I couldn't take him out." It was St. Paul welterweight Gary Holmgren talking and he had just won a unanimous ten round decision over veteran Al Franklin.

Holmgren is the latest of a long line of talent to emerge from St. Paul, Minnesota, dating back to the early 1900's. He has been given the tag of "The Hammer" because he will relentlessly pound his foes until they fall, once he gets them in trouble.

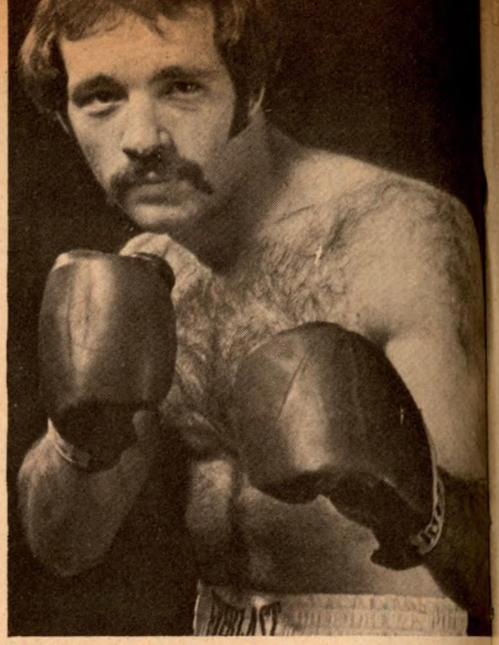
To know the real Gary Holmgren and what turned him to boxing you have to go back to when he was a young man growing up in the Selby-Dale area, the toughest in St. Paul. It is an area where if you don't fight when challenged you are in for a lot of future lickings.

Holmgren came from a broken home early in life and it led to all sorts of troubles. "I was thrown out of the second grade for smoking. I ran with the pack and you never asked why you did things. They just happened. I shined shoes and when they let us in bars and things got really bad, we'd roll drunks."

Those were the formative years for a youngster headed in the wrong direction. Holmgren went on, "What came next was really tough. My mom couldn't raise us with everything so tough and there was a succession of foster homes. My brother and I must have been in seven or eight foster homes. Some of the people tried, but others were terrible to us."

The following years led Gary to stealing cars, breaking into houses, chasing, stealing. "That's all I knew. I couldn't stay out of trouble. I was on probation five times." It was around this time that Holmgren found out that not everyone was against him. St. Paul men like Ken Mauer, Barry Mathias, and Arlie Ludwig tried to help him overcome his problems.

Boxing then entered the picture when Holmgren met old time St. Paul trainer Doyle Title and he introduced him to the world of amateur boxing. There were still periods of trouble for him, but Holmgren was spending more time in the gym, and as he fought more and more matches, a miniature Marciano was born. He immediately caught the fancy of the fight crowd with his two-fisted aggression. Here was a kid hardened by years of poverty and trouble fighting his heart out. Holmgren was on his way.



Gary Holmgren, of St. Paul, Minnesota, has the punching power and is developing the boxing skills to make his mark in the welterweight division.

As an amateur Holmgren compiled an outstanding 56-3 record which included four St. Paul Golden Glove titles, three Upper Midwest crowns, and the Third Army welterweight championship. A national title eluded him, but he beat some pretty good talent, including a one round kayo of Floyd Mayweather, now an undefeated professional, and Canadian Olympic medalist Marv Arneson.

While in the Army, Holmgren had orders for Vietnam, but after defeating the defending Army champion while trying out for the boxing team his orders were cancelled and he found a new home. Holmgren said, "I was flabbergasted when I saw that Carlos

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"The Hammer" is about to drop onto Omaha's James Hearn. This Holmgren right hand was the finishing touch in his fourth round kayo.

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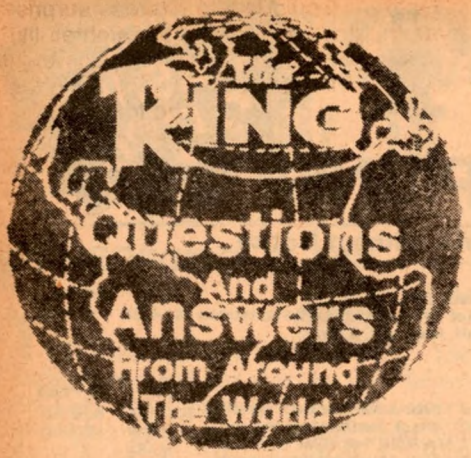

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Q. How many title defenses did Joe Brown have when he was lightweight champion?

Donald Monks
Orlando, Florida

A. Old Bones won the title on August 24, 1956, and lost it to Carlos Ortiz on April 21, 1962, in his twelfth defense. He beat Wallace (Bud) Smith in 15 rounds to become champion, and stopped Smith in 11 in a title rematch. Then, in order, he defended against Orlando Zulueta (KO 15), Joey Lopes (KO 11), Ralph Dupas (KO 8), Kenny Lane (W 15), Johnny Busso (W 15) Paolo Rosi (KO 8) Dave Charnley (KO 5), Cisco Andrade (W 15), Charnley again (W 15), Bert Somodio (W 15) and finally Ortiz (L 15).

Q. A fighter named Solomon McTier claims to have worked as a sparring partner for Muhammad Ali for Muhammad's first fight with Sonny Liston. Can THE RING give me any other information on the rest of Solomon McTier's record as a professional fighter?

Leonard L. Copeland
Boston, Massachusetts

A. McTier, a six-foot, 200-pound Alabaman, was a big noise in the amateur ranks, but never made it as a pro. He won national and international Golden Gloves titles in 1956, and one of his wins was over Pete Rademacher, who later that year won an Olympic Gold Medal and subsequently got a shot at Floyd Patterson's heavyweight title in his very first pro fight. When McTier turned pro, his manager, Al Weill, touted him as the "new Rocky Marciano," but after four fights (3-1) McTier found he couldn't get fights and went to work as a shipping clerk, picking up a sparring partner's wages when he got the chance.

Q. What were the pro records of Willie Pep and Sugar Ray Robinson? Did they ever meet as amateurs?

John M. O'Brien
Franklin Park, Illinois

A. For the Hartford, Connecticut, Will o' the Wisp the figures are: total bouts 241, including 65 knockouts, 164 decision wins, one draw, and eleven losses, five of them by KO. The Sugar Man had 202 bouts, with 109 knockouts, 66 decision wins, six draws, one loss by KO (to Joey Maxim and the heat), one no decision and one no contest. According to Pep, they did meet once as amateurs, at Norwich, Connecticut, in 1938, and Robinson, who weighed around 128 to Willie's 105, won the decision.

Q. Could you tell me if former heavyweight boxer Nathan Mann was Jewish?

S. Brown
Montreal, Canada

A. Nathan Mann's real name was Natalino Manchetti. He is Italian.

Q. Is Pete Ranzany of Hungarian extraction? If not, what is his nationality?

Howard Gutterman
Brooklyn, N.Y.

A. Ranzany was born Pete Ronzoni. He's Italian, too. Pete was profiled in the March 1977 RING.

Q. How long has Chris Dundee been promoting on Miami Beach?

Tom Trainor
Hollywood, Florida

A. Chris celebrated his twenty-fifth anniversary on the beach last December. His first card was staged on December 6, 1950, when welterweights Bobby Dykes KO'd Aldo Minelli in the fourth round of the feature. Chris was out of action there between November 1971 and August 1972. During that span, Mel Ziegler, the current chairman of the boxing commission, held the promotional rights in Miami Beach.

Q. Does Jersey Joe Walcott, the former heavyweight champion, have any relationship with Joe Walcott, the fighter who lost his welterweight title to the Dixie Kid on April 30, 1904?

Michael Leahey
Fanwood, New Jersey

A. Jersey Joe, whose real name was Arnold Cream, idolized the Barbados Demon, and adopted his name, but there was no blood relationship.

Q. What can you tell me about Clyde Hull, who fought in the late twenties? I've heard he was a good one.

Tom White
Gettysburg, So. Dakota

A. You heard right, Tom. Hull, who was born in Raymond, South Dakota, on April 1, 1906, was active between 1925 and 1930. Based in Texas, he met many of the top welterweights of that era. Our records show he had ninety-two fights, with fifty-three wins including twenty-two knockouts, eleven no-decisions, eight draws, eighteen route-going losses and was KO'd twice. Hull was a gamester who was known for his ability to take a punch, and he could hit with authority, too, as he proved in a 1927 Madison Square Garden bout with Johnny Indrisano. He broke Johnny's jaw in the first round with a right-hand smash. Among the others he beat were Mexican Joe Rivers and welterweight champ Pete Latzo (non-title). He also boxed such notables as Pinkey Mitchell, the first junior welter champ (no decision), Sgt. Sammy Baker, and welterweight titleholder Joe Dundee, who stopped him in eight, though Hull stayed on his feet all the way.

Q. I was surprised to read in the December RING that Muhammad Ali weighed 271 pounds against Ken Norton in the Yankee Stadium. Didn't know he ever weighed that much.

Robert Hodges
St. Louis, Mo.

A. You were no more surprised than we were to read it. Gremlins must have gotten into the typewriter. His real weight was 221 pounds, repeat, 221.

Q. I would like to find out the names of the last three opponents of Henry Chemel Chmielweski and Joe Baksi, with the results of the fights and the places.

Jan Skotnicki
Lodz, Poland

A. Chmielewski, who was born in Poland, migrated to Portland, Maine, and, as Henry Chemel, was a busy middleweight between 1938 and 1949. Our records show he fought three times in '49,: KO'd by Steve Belloise in two rounds January 31 in Brooklyn, N.Y.; L 10 to Jackie Burke on March 9 and KO 9 Harry Haft on March 28, both bouts in Miami, Florida. Baksi's heavyweight career extended from

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ALL TIME RATINGS COULD BE WRONG

In the all time ratings of champions in each division, THE RING is way off in both the middleweight and light heavyweight classes.

Among the middleweights I would rate Harry Greb and Mickey Walker above Ray Robinson. Both men fought light heavyweights and heavyweights with success. Robinson couldn't defeat Joe Maxim in his light heavyweight title bid.

Among the light heavyweights I rate Battling Levinsky above both Paul Berlenbach and Jack Delaney. Levinsky fought for over twenty years and defeated the great Jack Dillon for the title.

I noticed that Sam Langford was mentioned, and he never held a title.

Dr. Frank B. Stroler
Bronx, New York

A JR. HEAVYWEIGHT DIVISION FOR BOXING

In a recent issue of RING magazine, I saw the letter from Thomas Lydon, who said that he thought that a Jr. heavyweight division would be a good idea. Well, it's true that so many of the heavyweights are bigger nowadays, but that doesn't mean that a smaller man can't beat them. Jerry Quarry is a good example. He beat larger men than himself. True, Jerry is an exception, but maybe that's just because he was one of the few good small men around. I'm sure that if Charles and Marciano were still around today that they could handle quite a few of these 6'3" 210 pound heavyweights. I don't think that there are any small men of that caliber around today. So whose fault is that? But I guess that Thomas Lydon has a good point. I would go along with a Jr. heavyweight division if enough people wanted it. I just don't think that half of these 6'3" 210 pounders are any good anyway.

Rico Castillo
Alexandria, Virginia

UNITED STATES CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT COULD BE ANSWER

Although I have read RING and have been a subscriber, this is my first correspondence with your magazine. I write now, because I feel that the sport is at a very critical stage, and at no time since the golden era has THE RING had so much effect on the direction of boxing.

Thanks to your involvement with the American Championship series, we have a semblance of order and regimentation restored to the sport. The series is an answer to pell-mell match making, and cheese title fights the world over. It is a sad state when only about a dozen people in the country can name all the dual champions in each division. With the prestige of RING made explicit by being the rating authority of the American championship fights, more people will look to your World Rankings as being the last word.

I am a purist, and believe that there is only one legitimate champion in each division, with the exception of the light heavyweights whose title is vacant. I concur with the RING's world champs, and believe that you are correct in every instance. With this in mind, I urge you to recognize Danny Lopez as the world featherweight champion.

Arguello has retired his title. Lopez has beaten O'Grady, Olivares, Hafey, and WBC champ Kotey. That is half of the top ten right there. Furthermore, having an American title holder in the lighter divisions would help in the renewed interest in those divisions by people enamoured of Howard Davis and Ray Leonard. Don't let the title be declared vacant. Certainly we can all learn from the hopeless situation in the light heavyweight division. It will take a miracle for Galindez and Conteh to meet.

As for the American championships, I am happy that the junior divisions aren't included. They would tend to confuse people just being exposed to boxing. Keep it simple. As for the bantam and flys, perhaps you could arrange for title defenses by current American champs Villegas and Jansen on the final show of the series. Let's face it, it would be difficult to collect eight class American fighters in those two divisions.

Finally, I would like to express surprise over the fact that a top ten fighter like Earnie Shavers isn't in your heavyweight top ten, and Johnny Boudreaux (who lost to the only decent fighter he fought) is.

Thank you for the good work.

Marty Weiss
New York City

STOP IGNORING MEXICO

When Guty Espadas, of Mexico, defeated Panama's Alfonso Lopez he didn't just become the W.B.A. flyweight champion, he became the sixth fighter from Mexico to be recognized as a world champion. The others are W.B.C. and W.B.A. welterweight champs Carlos Palomino and Jose Cuevas, W.B.A. and W.B.C. bantamweight kings Alfonso Zamora and Carlos Zarate, and W.B.C. flyweight monarch Miguel Canto. Palomino, Zamora, and Canto are recognized by THE RING. For the past eight years Mexico has dominated this sport and has produced many world champions such as Vicente Saldivar and Ruben Olivares, but this accomplishment has been somewhat ignored by THE RING magazine. At the present time Mexico is still the boxing capital of the world as it has been for the past eight years, so please stop ignoring Mexico and give it the credit it deserves.

Hector Pacheco Benitez
San Jose, California

FRIDAY NIGHT NOSTALGIA!

The other day the subject of the Friday Night Fights came up in my barber shop. My old customers reminded me of the double or nothing bets I made on light or dark trunks. Some weeks I cut a lot of hair free of charge. We had a lot of fun regardless of who won.

Most of us have never seen the newcomers to boxing in action. It would be nice to see what they can do. Certainly, one of the television networks could get a sponsor or two to support the "Best Fight of the Week!"

Many young fighters would soon get a lot of fight fans behind them as they climbed up the ladder to championship.

I hope your organization might lead the way toward letting some of the old and new boxing fans see good National TV fights.

If it's of interest to you, I have always had THE RING and "Police Gazette" magazines in my barber shops over the thirty years I have been working at the trade.

Marvin Jones
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

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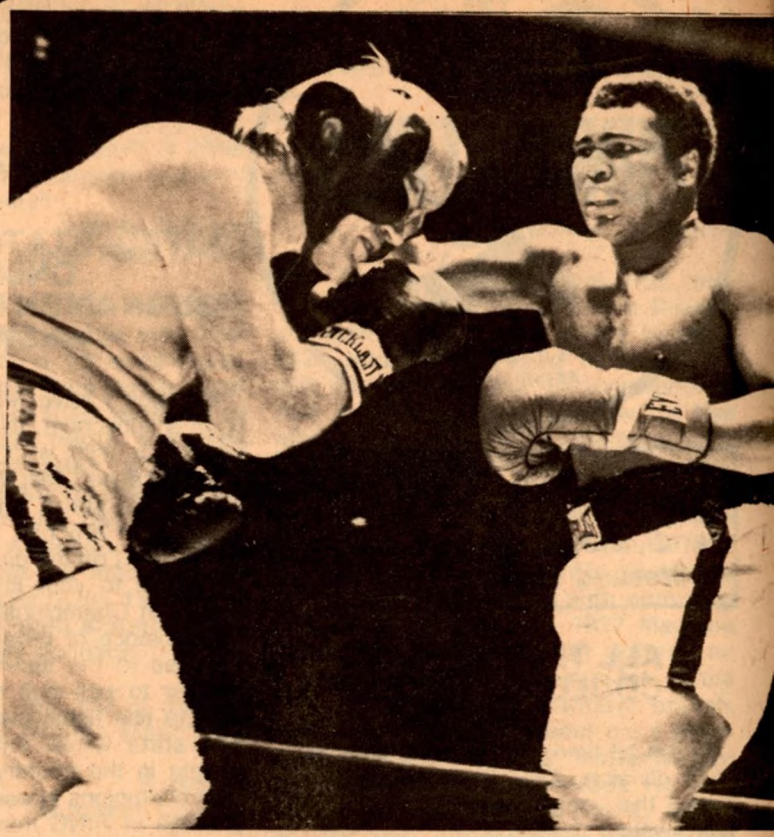
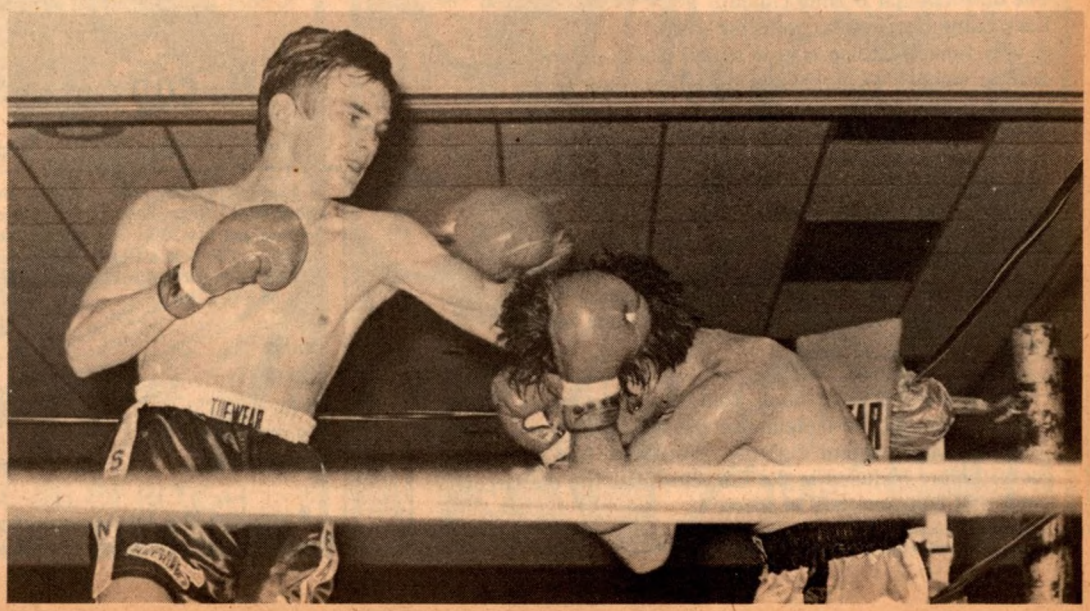


(Above) Heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali connects with a right to the jaw of Peter Fuller, former New England amateur champion and now a wealthy auto dealer, sportsman and socialite, during a two-round exhibition bout in Boston for the benefit of that city's Elma Lewis School of Fine Arts. (Left) In another exhibition match, at Rochester, N.Y., former heavyweight champion Joe Frazier mixes it up with his son, Marvis, a 16-year-old amateur boxer. (Below) Tony Chiaverini, right, of Topeka, Kansas, and Vicente Medina of Albuquerque, New Mexico, trade lefts to the jaw during their ten-round clash at Kansas City. Chiaverini won.

Hank Kaplan, regional director, National Veteran Boxers Association, is in championship company at VBA convention in Philadelphia. At left is former light heavyweight champ Tommy Loughran, and at right is another ex-175-pound king, Harold Johnson.

Sandy Saddler and Willie Pep, former featherweight champs who fought one another four times in their heyday, go at it in an exhibition bout in New York. Ref is Arthur Mercante.

Boston Ring 4, VBA, president Sal Bartolo, kneeling, and members, from left, Pat Leonard, Ralph Morgan, Tommy Rawson, Joe Nolan, George DeFilippo and Joe Beaton dedicate stone at grave of Jake Kilrain, pioneer era heavyweight.



Sean O'Grady's left hook sends Raul Carreon to cover during their bout in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Hometowner O'Grady scored a fifth round KO over the bantamweight from Phoenix, Arizona.

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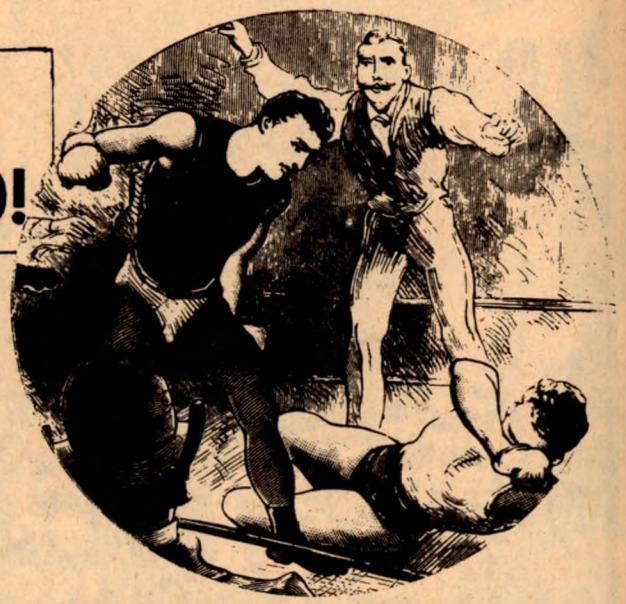

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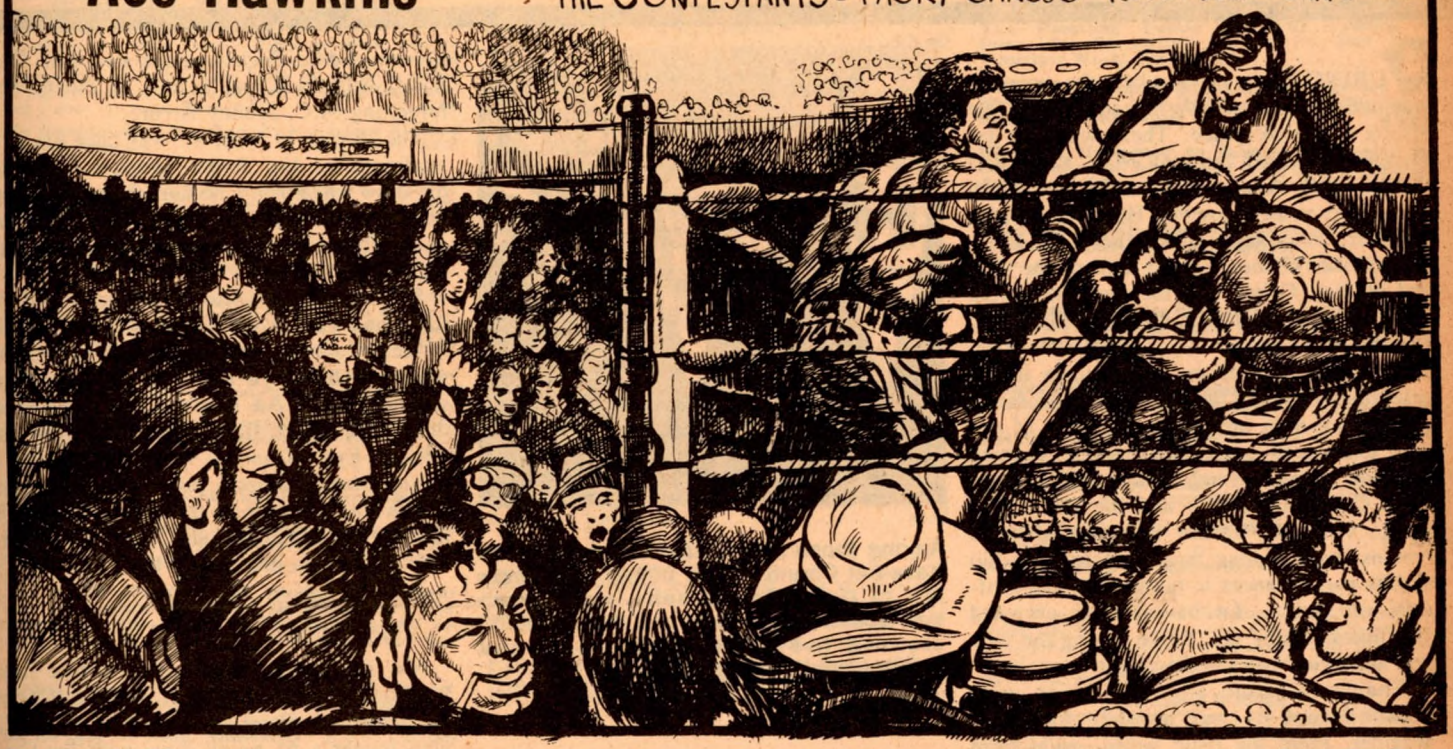

UP AND DOWN

Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

DURING those days when the weather was unbelievable we overlooked a lot of fine affairs that took place. There was, for instance, the 26th annual Max Kase-Bill Corum 26th Annual Sports Dinner again being held at the Roosevelt Hotel, when Milt Kutsher, head man at Kutsher's in Monticello, was honored as the man of the year and Haskell Cohen was the recipient of the third award in honor of the late Max Kase, founder of the lodge.

As usual, the daises were made up of celebrities from all fields of sport. As far as our boxing men are concerned, two of our dual champions made appearances. Carmen Basilio, ex-welter and middleweight king, from Canastota, N.Y., and the still active Emile Griffith, holder of the same two crowns, were among those honored. Basilio for his performances in his heyday and Griffith, still active, for having been crowned five times as king pin, thrice among the welters and twice as a middleweight.

Champions from all fields again were honored, and it was another fine get-together. From the fistic world, aside from Carmen and Emile, we also had newcomers, recently out of the Olympic world, Sugar Ray Leonard and Howard Davis, Murray Goodman, one-time public relations man for the Garden and now a well known P.R. man for boxing and other sports, and Dr. Marvin Goldberg, who once managed the late Oscar Bonavena, Argentine heavyweight, and has been an announcer at ring fights, made up the rest of the clan from the fistic world present. Also boxing's popular fight announcer, Don Dunphy. The affair was another huge success.

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Which reminds us of another annual get-together of the National Cartoonists Society "Sports" Night, of which Bill Gallo is president, when the guest of honor, for the first time, was popular Pearl Bailey, and again this turned out to be a knockout.

This affair was held in the Grand Ballroom at the Biltmore Hotel and the crowded attendance enjoyed every minute of the festivities. To say the least, Miss Bailey was a knockout.

As usual, it was a lively get-together and from the time president Bill Gallo introduced the perennial toastmaster, Bob Dunn, everything was hokus pocus. From the boxing world we had Commissioner James A. Farley, Jr., John F. X. Condon, Deputy Boxing Commissioner Marvin Kohn, Boxing Commissioner Floyd Patterson, well known sportscaster Don Dunphy, Chuck Wepner, Referee Arthur Mercante, as well as former welter star Billy Graham, among others.

Among those present for the annual Max Kase-Bill Corum Sports Dinner were, from left to right: Don Dunphy, well known sportscaster; Sam Taub and Emile Griffith, crowned five times in the welter and middleweight classes.

Honoring Miss Bailey, the first time the Cartoonists' honored one of the female sex, was a popular one. She regaled with songs, and otherwise made the crowded house happy to be on deck to show their feelings towards the No. 1 Sports Fan of America, Miss Bailey.

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Not overlooking the grand get-together given by Rudy Riska, Athletic Director of the Downtown A.C., at the Hong Tow Restaurant at 79 Mott St., where a pre-Xmas affair was tossed. The owner also is proprietor of another fine sports spot at 13 Mott St., known as the Sun Hop Kee Restaurant. From the sports world came Bob Sacchi, co-author with Willie Pep of *Friday's Heroes*, Eddie Pitcher, associated with Don King, Bill Stein and a host of others, not forgetting M.C. Johnny Arcaro.

The spot at 79 Mott St. was once run as a poolroom by Jim Burke, popular fighter in the days when Terry McGovern was fighting and was managed by Florrie Barnett, a pal of the fine comedian Jimmy Durante. It was a great get-together.

Speaking of Jim Burke, he performed on the same card with Terry McGovern and Young Corbett, at Hartford, Connecticut when the Brooklyn idol was stopped in the second round. An unusual thing happened during the Burke fight. The referee was old "Eagle Eye" Charley White and during a mixup Burke suddenly put his hand over his mouth and shouted to the referee: "Stop it Charley, me teeth are out." And the fine arbiter of that era did exactly that.

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Just in case someone asks. Before Jack Johnson's era, the best known Negro gladiator was Peter Jackson, of Australia, who fought a 61 round draw with Jim Corbett in San Francisco, which led to Corbett getting the Sullivan fight for the world's heavyweight crown, the first time under the new Marquis of Queensberry rules. Sullivan preferred to fight Corbett, who knocked him out in 21 rounds, in New Orleans. Oddly enough, the first man Gentleman Jim defended against was Sullivan's old nemesis, Charley Mitchell, of England, who boxed a 39 round draw against the title holder in Chantilly, France. Corbett kayoed Mitchell in three rounds at Jacksonville, Florida. To close this out, when they talk about Negro heavyweights of long ago, don't forget Peter Jackson. He must have been great in his prime.

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Al Reid, current president of Ring #8 Veteran Boxers Association, is proud of his record. All-told he clashed with seven who were world champions when he met Kid Chocolate, a Jim Dandy, Mike Belloise, Petey Scalzo, Sal Bartola and Leo Rodak, all NBA kingpins, as well as feather king Chalky Wright, and Beau Jack, one time lightweight boss. Incidentally, Reid, a popular gladiator managed by our pal, the late

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RINGSIDE WITH "Sailor" Don Sauer

By DON SAUER

THE boxers today are a lot of class—most of them have college backgrounds to go along with their fighting ability. The welterweight champion, CARLOS PALOMINO, who upset JOHN STRACEY in London last year, is a Mexican-born U.S. citizen who recently graduated from Long Beach State. A leading contender, MANDO MUNIZ, is a graduate of Cal State L.A., and is only 20 units short of a master's degree in counseling. Welterweight socker PETE RANZANY, another California gladiator who will move to the front as top challenger this year, is majoring in social science and graduates from Cosumnes River College this summer. His contract is owned by 10 Sacramento, California, businessmen. Former lightweight contender JOEY LOPES handles his business arrangements. Well, these are just a few, but there are a lot of smart boys boxing contrary to what some people will make you think. These fellows—most of them today—are looking for the big money that professional boxing offers—and they are making it! Former world middleweight champion GENE FULLMER opened a restaurant about five miles out of Salt Lake City, Utah, on the way to Provo, in a town called Midvale. . . .LOU NOVA, who challenged JOE LOUIS for the title in 1941, was on hand with move star and ex-wrestler MIKE MAZURKI to wish GENE well on opening day. . . .When MUHAMMAD ALI boxed his exhibition in Boston's Hynes Auditorium against 54 year old auto tycoon PETER FULLER, he didn't take the show seriously and FULLER was disappointed. The millionaire, owner of the race horse Dancer's Image, trained for a month prior to ALI's arrival to get in shape for the match. ALI tipped the Fairbanks at a whopping 234 pounds, and admitted he had not "done a thing" since his controversial win over KEN NORTON. . . .A couple of veteran fight managers, promoters and trainers of years ago are making the headlines of late. JOE HERMAN is now "toiling" in the office of San Francisco attorney LEO FRIED. Strange, JOE HERMAN trained LEO FRIED when he boxed as a professional 45 years ago—LEO won 8 of nine pro bouts—then turned to the law practice seriously. JOE also managed heavyweight LARRY FRAZIER recently. PINKIE GEORGE, veteran Des Moines manager and promoter who brought heavyweights LEE SAVOLD and JOHNNY PAYCHECK roaring out of the mid-west during JOE LOUIS'S reign, was

Gene Fullmer, seen as world middleweight champ in the 1950's, has opened a restaurant outside of Salt Lake City, Utah.

invited to the Inaugural in Washington, D.C., by the new president, JIMMY CARTER. PINKIE was a supporter of CARTER'S during his successful campaign for the big job. . . .World middleweight champ, CARLOS MONZON, who broke a toe playing soccer, no less, is now recovered and back in the gym. . . .RANDY SHIELDS came down with pneumonia following his victory over JUAN CONTREAS in the opening round of DON KING'S U.S. Championship Tournament. The bout took place on the deck of aircraft carrier Lexington off of Pensacola, Florida, could it have been too much fresh air? SHIELDS is used to the smoke filled arenas!! HARRY LEVINE, London fight promoter, shares a piece of CARLOS PALOMINO'S next two title bouts. This was the arrangement when PALOMINO journeyed to London-town and whipped JOHN STRACEY—just in case he did win—and it has paid off for LEVINE. . . .ROCKY GRAZIANO, former middleweight champ, asked BING CROSBY during the latter's trip to N.Y.C. for a tip at Aqueduct Race Track. The singer told ROCKY to bet on a horse called Secret Lanvin, and what happened? Secret Lanvin came in and paid $22.80. Now ROCKY is looking for BING for more tips. . . .can you blame him? DAVE "ZIGGY" ZYGLEWICZ, former heavyweight socker who boxed JOE FRAZIER for the title in Houston, Texas, April 22, 1969 is the owner of "ZIGGY'S CORNER" in Watervliet, N.Y., and also trains amateur kids for shows in that area.

The other night, former heavyweight champ FLOYD PATTERSON dropped in with his team of tigers after an amateur show to ZIGGYS bar and grill, and they posed for photos. PATTERSON lives up in New Paltz, N.Y. . . .Could be that California heavyweight HENRY CLARK has reached the end of the fistic trail. CLARK, who now manages himself, has lost his last three starts and was way "out of shape" for his bout with so-so HOWARD SMITH. . . .BILLY NEWMAN, owner of the NEWMAN-HERMAN GYM in San Francisco, is bringing over Australian champ, HECTOR THOMPSON, for action on these shores. THOMPSON is presently sporting a 49-3-1 ring record—a fine fighter. . . .The California State Athletic Commission has wisely renewed the license of referee DICK YOUNG, 61, making an exception of the rule that calls for mandatory retirement at 60. YOUNG does a good job, and is in good shape today. . . .CHICO VEJAR, who was quite a battler in his day, has been appointed executive director of the United Cerebral Palsy organization in Connecticut. . . .MONROE BROOKS picked up $21,000 for his end of his title tiff with champ SAENSAK MUANGSURIN in Chiang Mai, Thailand. MONROE sang in night-clubs, posed for pictures with women from massage parlors, fans patted him on the back and they even had body-guards for the fighter and his manager, JACKIE McCOY. Only thing—MONROE BROOKS lost the fight via a t.k.o. in the 15th round. He was completely exhausted at the end. . . .Congratulations to ANGELO and HELEN DUNDEE on their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary this year—(so is mine ANGELO)—it is quiet around their house now-a-days, as the kids both went back to college. Son JIM goes to Hillsborough Community College and daughter TERRI goes to the University of South Florida. ANGELO'S wife, HELEN, is the former HELEN BOLTON, who is a first cousin to JACKIE CRANFORD, who was quite a heavyweight back after World War II—remember JACKIE—the good looking, tall, rangy boxer? KARL VINSON'S $6000 purse to fight BENNIE BRISCOE in Philly was his biggest ever. . . . The California license plate "EX-PUG" belongs to JOEY BARNUM, who was quite a welterweight in his day back in the forties. BARNUM'S best win over JOHNNY BRATTON, who later won the welterweight title.

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JIMMY CORKUM "THE BROCTON BEAUTY"

By BILLY KOWALCZYK

WHO would you be if you could be seventeen years old again? The answer that comes up in this old dreamer's mind goes something like this. . .my name would be that of a kid named Jimmy Corkum, and I'd have everything going for me such as age, talent and a very intelligent mind. . .and I'd dream of one day becoming a world champion!

First of all, Jimmy Corkum is a standout student at the Cardinal Spellman High School in Brocton, Massachusetts, where he is on the honor roll, but he is also one of the top seniors in the nation with an incredible average of 98 percent. When Jimmy finishes up his high school chores he will further his education at the Stone Hill College in Easton, Massachusetts, where he will aim for a law degree. His big ambition in life is to become a top corporate executive.

Now we come to Corkum's big dream—to become a champion. After a good amateur boxing career in which he engaged in many tournaments, winning most of them, Corkum turned pro. He has had 13 fights to date winning them all, with ten fights ending via the KO route and three by decision.

Jimmy's father is a foreman with the telephone company, and likes his son's goals in life. His mom never dared to go to a fight until recently. Now, as Jimmy's career takes shape, she peeks through her hand covered eyes when the crowd shouts for "her Jimmy," and blocks them when he seems to be losing. He has two sisters who are devoted to his cause and who are, without question, two of his greatest rooters!

Jimmy Corkum is handled by his able manager and trainer Vinnie Vecchione, of Brocton, who happens to be one of the best in the business.

Wouldn't you like to be 17 again and have a future like Jimmy Corkum? I'm sure I would!

PALOMINO ICES MUNIZ

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Muniz' manager, Vic Weiss, approved Thomas' decision. "The referee definitely was right," he said. "I thought he did the right thing (in stopping it)."

Palomino landed a right to the head before the final knockdown and, in delayed action, Muniz dropped to one knee, then sprang to his feet. "That was definitely a knockdown," the champion said. "I hit him with a right, but the referee didn't call it." Thomas agreed Muniz had been hit, but said because he didn't go down immediately, he didn't acknowledge it.

Palomino was virtually unmarked after the rough battle in which he was dropped in the first round. A left-right surprised him with about 20 seconds to go. He was up quickly and appeared clear-headed. "He didn't hurt me," the 26-year-old Palomino said, shrugging it off as inconsequential. "I was looking for the right and he knocked me down with his left." Nonetheless, the fight continued to be controlled by the 29-year-old veteran, who bulled his way inside and roughed up Palomino with crisp, jarring shots through the first four rounds. Muniz 40-11-1), the No. 5 contender, built points steadily until Palomino (21-1-3) elected to stay outside and fire from long range. Then the champion, a stylish boxer with an authoritative punch, began to dominate the action as Muniz suddenly faded.

"I started faltering around the eighth or ninth," said Muniz, a college graduate, as is Palomino. "I thought I was doing the same thing, but I guess I wasn't." After the 5-9 Palomino pulled about even on the scorecard, Muniz, 1½ inches shorter, became desperate as his cornermen kept him apprised of his progress by checking scores of ringside reporters. It, indeed, was close. Going into the 14th, "The Times" had Palomino in front by one point.

"I thought it was close," Palomino said. "I knew I had come on in the last four or five rounds when I knocked him down in the 15th."

Palomino's manager, Jack McCoy, said he had informed his fighter after the 12th that "You can't lose any more rounds. . .try to get him out there if you can." Palomino attempted that in the 14th. He was firing accurately and effectively, teeing off from long range. But Muniz landed, too, with less effect.

Then came the climactic 15th.

Palomino undoubtedly would've won a split decision if the fight had gone the full 15 rounds.

After 14, Thomas favored the 147-pound Muniz, 133-132; judge Frank Rustich had Palomino in front, 135-133 and judge Dick Young had it even, 133-133.

Immediately after the fight, as both posed for pictures in the ring, it was announced that Palomino had injured his right hand, the same hand in which he suffered a chippped bone that caused the second postponement in November. Earlier, he had bruised his ribs in training. The injury is expected to delay Palomino's next defense, against John Stracey, whom he stopped in 12 rounds to win the crown.

The gross gate was announced as $146,245, of which Palomino was to receive $60,000 and Muniz $20,000.

Earlier, lanky Pete Ranzani, ranked welterweight from Sacramento, knocked out Muniz' stablemate, Abel Cordoba of Mexico, at 2:22 of the seventh round. The end came abruptly from a chopping right to the side of the head after Ranzani had been backed against the ropes in a heavy exchange. Ranzani, 147, maneuvered in front of Cordoba, 150, then delivered the short blow that dropped him. Cordoba, on his hands and knees as referee Young counted, was a split second late in regaining his feet.

Ranzani, the North American welterweight king, who won and lost in two amateur fights with Palomino, has some problems in the early going—particularly in the fourth—when he was cut over the right eye after a head-to-head slugging session in the winner's corner.

Cordoba (13-4) won the second and third rounds with some solid combinations to the head, but Ranzani (30-1) with 23 KO's began to take command when the rather anticlimactic right ended the action.

In the opening six-rounder, Johnny Jenson, 127, Los Angeles, won a split decision over Manuel Castellano, 127.

ZARATE REMAINS UNDEFEATED

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bad eyes, and this proved to be his downfall.

Referee George Lakta halted the contest with 1:30 gone in the third round, after Zarate had reopened the cut over the right eye which had been incurred in round two.

Zarate would now like to box the undefeated world champion, Alfonso Zamora. They once were in the same boxing stable.

On the same card, Guadalupe "Cubano" Hernandez, 125, upset the gang when he gained by a TKO over Eliseo Cosme, 125, in nine rounds, to win the Mexican bantamweight title.

Ernesto Herrera, 121, in another big upset, TKO'd Alfredo Pitalua, 125, of Colombia, in seven.

Salvador Sanchez, 118, tko'd Raul "Baby" Lopez, 117, in the tenth and last round.

Alfonso "Gato" Ramirez, 110, bested Salvador "Olivaritos" Avendano, 108, in ten.

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OBED SHOWS CLASS AGAINST MARCOTTE

By FRANK ALLNUTT

MONTREAL — In the first international fight card promoted by the Montreal Forum in more than fifteen years promoter Gerry Grundman and matchmaker Claude Moutin lined up a fine card for the fans. Advance sale of tickets were good, but the weatherman failed to co-operate and sub-zero weather combined with very high winds which brought the temperature down to the fifty degree below mark kept many fans at home. The official attendance figure given out was 6,779, the gross gate was $87,248. In the main event over ten rounds Elisha Obed (Bahamas), 157½, won a unanimous decision over Fernand Marcotte, Jr., Canadian middleweight champion at 155¼. Throughout the entire ten rounds Obed was in complete control of the fight. Obed's footwork and accurate left hand punching kept Marcotte off balance, and at no time did Obed allow his opponent to get in close to work on his body. The class and ease shown by Obed at slipping punches indicates why after close to eighty bouts the boxer from the Bahamas does not have a mark on his face.

Knowing that he was trailing behind on points Marcotte tried to apply pressure to Obed during the sixth round, but many of his punches were picked off by the clever boxing of Obed. Round seven was the best round for the Canadian champion, who managed to get in a few combinations and was the aggressor.

Starting off round eight Obed started to jab with authority. He used his three inch advantage in height and four inches in reach to good advantage, many of his stinging jabs and hooks to the body stopped Marcotte in his tracks. With the fight well in hand Obed coasted through the final two rounds content to keep Marcotte at bay and not to give him the chance to get set to connect with any powerful blows.

At the final bell the decision handed down had Obed a unanimous winner by scores of 48-43, 47-44 and 47-45. Giving away height and reach advantage Marcotte made the mistake of carrying the fight to Obed who was content to box his opponent rather than slug it out. Obed's record is now 72-1-3 compared to Marcotte's 45-36-6-3.

The semi-final bout over ten rounds was by far the best fight on the card. Clyde Gray, Canadian & Commonwealth welterweight champion, 150, was extended the distance and given a hard fight from Rafael Rodriguez (Minneapolis), 147½. Both boxers were in fine shape for this bout and it was Rodriguez who was the aggressor in the opening rounds. He kept on top of Gray and scored well with short hooks to the body and head, and Gray was forced to fight a counter fight. He picked his shots with accuracy and scored with powerful blows to the body of Rodriguez.

After a very impressive eighth round in which Gray scored with powerful punches to the head and body of Rodriguez the tide of the battle turned completely and the Canadian champion was looking for a K.O. The only knockdown came late in round nine when Rodriguez was dropped with a fine combination of punches to the head, regaining his feet he did well to last the round. To the fans suprise the tenth and final round was fought at a fast pace and Gray was suprised at the great effort put on by the rugged Rodiguez.

At the bell both boxers received a fine ovation from the fans. It was a unanimous decision for Gray by scores of 50-43, 46-43 and 49-43.

The third round win by Guerro Chavez (Montreal), 145, over Al Franklin (Minnesota), 143¾, did nothing to get the fans excited while it was in progress. Franklin was dropped three times in round three, and the bout was halted at the 2.54 mark leaving Chavez the winner. Franklin, who is close to forty years of age, never laid a glove on Chavez and was away out of his class in this match.

Over eight rounds Daniel Levesque (Montreal), 160, won his thirtieth pro bout in as many starts by scoring a unanimous decision over a local rival Rick Zarbatany 159¼.

To open the card over six rounds Richard Daigneault (Montreal) made his pro debut against Avadis Kassabian (Hull). Daigneault, at 144¼, had a miserable night trying to handle Kassabian, 151¼, whose knowledge of boxing was zero. After consistant warnings for roughing up his opponent by the referee, it was at 1:58 of the fifth round after Kassabian charged across the ring to land a roundhouse right with his knee up that the bout was halted and Kassabian was tossed out by the referee.

▲ **NEW GLASGOW** — Canadian Lightweight champion Barry Sponagle (New Glasgow), 132, retained his title by birtue of a draw in his bout against Johnny Summerhays (Brantford), 133. The official decision handed down after the twelve round bout was far from satisfactory with the some 1800 reported fans on hand. There were no knockdowns in the bout which the officials had tabbed as 57-51 for Summerhays, 54-52 for Sponagle, while the third official called it 55-55.

In six round supporting bouts Chris Clarke (Halifax) after having Terry Summerhays (Brantford) down twice in the second round KO'ed him at 2:59 of the third round of a welterweight bout.

Joe Borden (New Glasgow), 175, won a unanimous six round decision over AArchie Lee (Halifax), 172. Trevor Berbick (Halifax), 210, KOed Ace Lucas (Vermont), 204, at 2:21 of the second. In a real fast six Kelly Oickle (Westville), 155, won a decision over Rick Zarbatany (Montreal), 160. Decked in the opening round Zarbatany came back strongly to deck Oickle in the final minute of the fifth round. The bout was a real crowd pleaser.

▲ **TORONTO** — In a dismal lone pro bout held here lightweight Nickey Furlano (Toronto) had no opposition from one billed as Chuck Spicer (Cleveland) who called it a night at 2:36 of the second round. The fans in attendance however did get a break when Sylvester Wilder the Cleveland heavyweight failed to show for his bout with Toronto heavyweight Horst Geisler.

GHANA'S SHITTU BEATS FERRERI

By E. K. QUARTEY

Accra, Ghana. Ghana's rated and undefeated pride Sulley Shittu became the new Commonwealth Bantamweight Champion outpointing the Australian Champion, Paul Ferreri over 15 closely contested rounds at the Open Air Accra Sports Stadium.

All three local boxing officials unanimously voted in favor of the home boy. Referee Roy Ankreurl scored it 148-141, judge Buffalo Quartey, 148-145, and judge Jackson O'Hara Davies made it 147-141. The Australian Champ did not accept the defeat in good grace. And most unlike Paul Ferreri, he blew his top. "I'm shocked by the decision. I think I won ten rounds of the contest and I'm gonna protest to the Commonwealth Championship Committee."

It was a dull and uneventful 15 rounds of overcautious and defensive boxing. There was no bloodshed, neither were there any knockdowns, despite some heavy exchanges—a tribute to their good conditioning. Paul Ferreri, who made the limit 54 kg at the second attempt, spent the night backtracking against the forward moving Ghanaian. At no stage could he stamp his authority on the fight. Though still fast of hands his legs looked lead ladden. They could not carry him out of harms way and he caught a lot of hot leather to the body. What won the fight for the 29 year old challenger was his excellent reflexes, ringcraft and fast counterpunching.

The initial rounds were spent with the fithters sizing each other up and probing each other with feeble jabs. As the fight wore on Sulley Shittu was getting home more often with his solid right and left staccato jabs.

The tide swung in favour of the champion in the 6th round, as he connected with punishing body shots. The mid-rounds were closely contested with the champ slightly on top, with his fast left-right combinations to the body, of the challenger.

The home stretch made all the difference. Sulley Shittu had the Australian Southpaw temporily dazed with a scything right uppercut. Strangely enough the did not follow up. "I wanted to go the distance to convince myself of my stamina" he explained later.

Round 14 was Sulley Shittu's best as he went out with two fisted attacks. By now Paul Ferrer had realized the crown was slipping from his head and that he had to do something to salvage the night. He threw caution to the wind and went all out in the action packed 15th round which he deservedly won. But his last ditch effort could not sway the officials.

Thus ended Paul Ferreri's 5 year reign as Commonwealth Bantamweight Monarch. Ferreri won the crown on September 16, 1972, by beating scotsman John Kellie for the title, following the retirement of British Alan Rudkin. He made three successful defences against aboriginal Freddie Burns; Irishman Paddy Maguire in Melbourne 1975 and the lost time out was against Australian Brian Roberts in March 1976 in Sydney, Paul now spots 53 wins 4 losses 5 draws from 63 fights.

Sulley Shittu's perfect record sheet now reads 33 wins from 33 fights with 22 knockouts. The jewels in his crown include a years tenure as African Bantamweight king. He knocked out Togo's John Mensah in the first round of a scheduled 15 rounder on August 31, 1974, for the title, only to be stripped of the belt for inactivity.

As an amateur he racked up 130 wins 4 losses from 134 fights, and won 2 successive gold medals in Commonwealth games. Kingston 1966; Edinburgh 1970. In the quarter finals of the Kingston games he fought and defeated British Johnny Clarke who went on as a pro to win the European Bantamweight Championship, and later retired on a bad eye.

Sulley Shittu turned professional after the 1970 Edinburgh games and made his professional debut in Italy. He had 16 fights in Italy where he was managed by Mr. Branchini and won all his fights 1; of them by clean knockouts. Returning home in 1973 he has had another 16 fights and won all. His victims include Seco Luna who he decisioned over 8 round on March 6, 1976; he knocked out Paddy Graham on Feb. 6, 1976 in 4 rounds and he lately decisioned Heleno Frraira over 10 on Sept. 4, 1976.

A fine boxer, with the legs of a ballroom dancer, his forte in the ring is his left jab, a destructive weapon, excellent reflexes and as he puts it "thinking one step ahead of the opponent." An immensely durable boxer, he has NEVER suffered any facial injury. The tribute he says goes to ' "the legs.' " " They've never let me down.' " Married with 2 children he says "I dream about Carlos Zarrate every night. I'll get him sooner or later.' "

WYNAT VS. WITT CROWD PLEASER

By STEVEN REECE

A near capacity crowd saw Mike Wynat of Hamilton, Ohio, register a second-round knockout of Akron's Ernie Witt in a middleweight bout.

Cliff Wills of Cincinnati followed by going the full six rounds with Steve St. Charles of Flint, Michigan, finally winning by a unanimous decision in a middleweight fight.

Cincinnati's Daryl Jones fought Jose "Speedy" Gonzalez of Miami, Florida. Gonzalez won the six round decision.

Welterweight Larry McCall was the only other Cincinnatian to lose a bout, Falling to Toledo's Ron West by a unanimous decision.

Light-Middleweight Jamie Thomas won a third TKO of Akron's Joe Blair.

Aaron Pryor had a second-round knockdown of Larry Moore from West Virginia.

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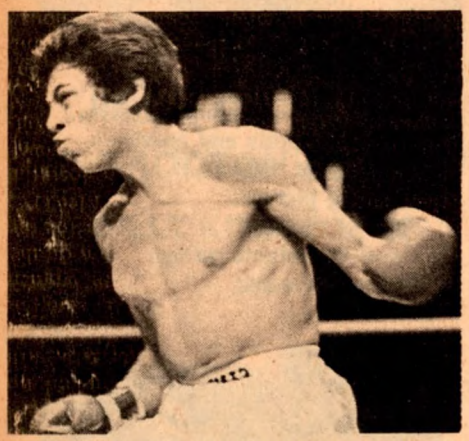

Albert "Superfly" Sandoval, at 116, boxed circles around Frankie Granados, 118, Los Angeles, to take a unanimous decision over 10 rounds in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES—It would appear that Albert (Superfly) Sandoval is ready to move against rated bantamweights.

The unbeaten ex-world amateur titlist boxed circles around Frankie Granados, 118, Los Angeles, to capture a unanimous 10 round verdict at the Olympic Auditorium.

Sandoval rocked Granados several times, but couldn't come up with the big punch to put him away. It was win number 16. Next start for the Pomona student could be as a flyweight.

Manager Jackie McCoy seems to feel that Superfly can make 112 pounds without too much trouble. He weighed 116 for Granados.

There was no question on the outcome as the scoring went like this: Referee Larry Rozadilla and Judge Richard Steele, 100-90; Judge John Thomas, 100-87.

Other results: Marvin Sanders, 151, Los Angeles, won a decision over Armando Alatorre, 157, East Los Angeles, (6); James Bella, 143, Los Angeles, decisioned Jose Luis Fillero, 142, Mexico, (5); Martin Avila, 128½, Los Angeles, won a decision over Paul Morales, 129, Los Angeles, (5).

▲**LOS ANGELES**—One of the few Ecuadorian fighters to appear in California is Kleber Viteri of Quinto.

The South American impressed with a five round knockout over Rodolfo Moreno of El Paso, Texas, at the Olympic Auditorium before 2440 fans.

A one time bantamweight, the 24-year-old Viteri upped his record to 34-2, including 25 knockouts. He was punching Moreno at will when referee Vince Delgado halted matters at 1:24 of the fifth.

The most exciting round of the fight was the third—Kleber went down from a right, then bounced back to deck Moreno with a smashing left hook.

Weights: Viteri, 131, Moreno, 135.

In other action, James Bella, 144, Los Angeles, looked good in winning his fifth pro start. He stopped Tosh Nambu, 145½, Japan, in the third round of a scheduled six rounder.

Art Frias, 134½, Montebello, decisioned Edgar Parr, 140, Los Angeles, (6); Rick Weigel, 156, drew with Armando Alatorre, 160, Mexico, (6).

The gate was $6120.

▲**FRESNO**—Two six round bouts were held in conjunction with the closed circuit telecast of the Palomino-Muniz WBC welterweight title fight.

It was a brother act with Ernie Pope, 167½, Fresno, stopping Ali Morton, 164½, Oakland, in the fourth round. Russell Pope, 151, Fresno, also won by a knockout. He stopped Kenny Sheppard, 149½, Fresno, in the third round.

Promoters Pat DiFuria and Pete Rokas drew a gate of $3,580.

▲**LOS ANGELES**—Engaging in only his fifth pro bout, young Frankie Baltazar, Jr., 130, Los Angeles, took a unanimous 10 round decision over southpaw veteran, Memin Vega, 130, Mexico City, at the Olympic Auditorium.

In a prior match at the Olympic, Baltazar was the winner via a technical decision when he was cut from an accidental butt.

There were no knockdowns and the difference was the youngster's speed and effective punching.

In a companion 10-rounder, Jorge Carrasco, 123, Mexico City, stopped Nick Rivera, 127, Mexico, in the seventh round. It was a cut over Rivera's left eye which ended matters.

Other results: Alvaro Lopez, 169, East Los Angeles, decisioned Leni Vanisi, 167½, Los Angeles, (6); Eddie Parra, 140, Los Angeles, won a decision over Genaro Gloria, 135, Mexico, (4).

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DAVE DOWNEY RETIRES

By FRED BISHOP

HALIFAX, N.S. — The final curtain has gone down on Dave Downey after seventeen years on the local scene as he was knocked out in the eighth by rough Gerald Bouchard, Quebec City. Downey, former Canadian middleweight champion, fought one of the best fights of his career as he moved well and punched hard, had Bouchard on queer street a number of times in this furious brawl, but the younger Bouchard kept forcing the fight throughout. Although he was hurt both in the fifth and the seventh, Bouchard never took a backward step with his free swinging style.

In the eighth, with the fight about even and with Bouchard still forcing all the way, he caught Downey in a corner with savage left hooks only to have the local fight his way out to ring centre only to be caught by a hard right, a following left dropped Downey for the full count. Downey, 161, Bouchard, 158½.

Downey announced his retirement after the fight, thirty-five years old and a veteran of only thirty-one fights, twenty-three of which he won, fourteen by kayo's, he lost four and was stopped three times.

In a co-feature ten, Trevor Berbick, 211, Halifax, stopped Joe Maye, 202, Hartford, Connecticut, in the seventh. Berbick, a promising heavy gave Maye a boxing lesson as he won his fourth straight. But the fight was very dull as Berbick boxed all the way, while Maye was content to throw wild haymakers through the first six rounds.

In the seventh Berbick opened up to floor the visitor three times before referee Percy Paris called it off at the 2.18 mark of the round.

In six rounds, ex-amateur star Chris Clarke, 151, Halifax, a kid ready to go places, took a couple of backward steps as the opposition was so bad it made Clarke look the same way as he hung a second round kayo on Fred Legrace, 147, Quebec City. Clarke was winning his sixth straight kayo but needs much better opposition.

In the opener of the card, a new star was born as Kevin Downey, 174, Halifax, outpointed veteran Archie Lee, 173, Halifax, over four action packed rounds. Kevin, a nephew of Dave's, is a former amateur champion of Eastern Canada. A strong bodypuncher, he looks like he might go a long way in the world's greatest game. Jerry Fraser promoter the card which drew about 3,000 with a gate of $20,000.

WILLIAMS KO'S BUCKSKIN IMPRESSIVELY

By CHRISTOPHER COATS

San Jose — The city of San Jose is in need of new fighters who can attract the fans. With the retirement of Ray Lunny local fans are looking to turn their attention to up and coming talent from the area. A recent show held at the new Center for Performing Arts used three promising local fighters. All were victorious.

Unbeaten Erwin Williams, 159, scored an impressive knockout over veteran Roger Buckskin. Williams now has scored knockouts in all but one of his seven professional fights. He is a three time Golden Gloves champion and has a lot more boxing finesse than seven pro bouts could ever account for.

Williams, from Oakland, had it just about any way he wanted it against Buckskin. Williams threw a lot of punches, and Buckskin caught just about all of them. He may be a better catcher than Johnny Bench. He was also very tough, finally a solid right to the jaw in the seventh round ended the bout.

The show was put together by the Garden City Boxing Club, which has expressed a desire to promote local fighters with the hope that time and intelligent matchmaking will turn them into top rated competitors with a large following.

Another three time amateur champion, Leonel Valencia, scored a knockout in the semi-main event. Valencia, 125, knocked out Jose Rodriguez, Los Angeles, in the third round with a simple combination. Rodriguez tried, but Valencia was too fast and too strong. Last summer Valencia won the international amateur featherweight title in Poland against top amateur competition. After winning there he decided to turn professional at the age of twenty-one.

In the opening bout Jose "Helado" Talamantez, San Jose, had to go the full eight rounds to win a unanimous verdict over Dave Kibby. Talamantez also had a good amateur career and has been doing pretty well as a professional. He has twelve wins, nine by knockout, one draw and no losses. He owes much of his success in the sport to his serious attitude about training. Both Talamantez and Kibby weighed in at 135.

ORLANDO HIGHLIGHTS YOUNG TALENT

By BRUCE TRAMPLER

Orlando—Three eight-rounders, highlighting some of the top young talent expected to develop into attractions this year, headed the second show of 1977 at Orlando Sports Stadium.

In the final bout, an upset took place as relatively inexperienced Kip Braden, 161, Sanford, outpointed former Southern junior middleweight champion Victor "Taco" Perez, 158, also of Sanford.

Perez, who took a 37-26-3 record into the ring, found he could not give away height, weight, and then cope with the southpaw style of his city rival, who is now 9-4.

The most exciting fight of the night, and one certainly to be considered for Fight of the Year honors in December, saw two of America's finest welterweight prospects collide early in their careers.

Scott "Golden Boy" Clark, 144, Orlando, outslugged Sammy "Gold Coast Express" Masias, 149, Homestead, Florida, over eight of the most brutal sessions contested here in many months. Clark, now 11-1, hit sharper and more often than the rugged Mexican migrant worker, who suffered his first loss in seven bouts. The crowd was on its feet applauding after each round, and a Clark-Masias rematch over 10 rounds would do well on its own later in the year.

Frankie Santore, 135, Orlando, fired right hands like crazy and finally took out tough Guillermo Benzant, 138, Dominican Republic, in the second round. Three knockdowns did the trick for the suddenly vicious Santore, a normally classy boxer who avenged a recent split decision loss to Benzant-stablemate Speedy Gonzalez with this torrid assault.

Santore, now 17-3-1, is hot after a rematch with Gonzalez, who first must meet Termite Watkins in Orlando.

Making his local debut with a smash was huge Lou Esa, 224, Miami, who pulverized Leroy Keane, 205, Fort Lauderdale, in the opening round. Esa, a white monster piloted by Murray Gaby and trained by Duane Simpson, rose to 10-1-1, 9 KOs.

Debuting John Tallarico, 177, Orlando, also made a hit when he wiped out James Roper, 181, Fort Lauderdale, in the opening session.

▲**Orlando**—Heading for a world junior middleweight championship fight is Southern titleholder Edgar "Mad Dog" Ross, who ran his record to 40-1-1 with a fifth-round TKO over veteran Vicente Medina, 159, Tucson.

Ross, who had expected to defend his crown against Houston's Augie Gomez, took the over-the-weight match and came in at 156 when Gomez was cut in training. The change was made four days before the fight.

Medina, who KO'd David Love in one round, beat Jean Mateo and Pat O'Connor, and drew with Irish Gene Wells, was not in top shape due to the late substitution, but gamely took the best Ross could dish out.

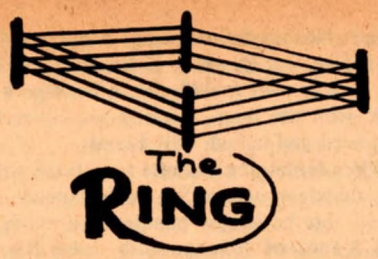
Medina, a perfect gentleman with an equally classy manager in Beto Martinez, had to retire in his corner due to severe facial cuts. Ross came out firing without letup, and his lanky Mexican foe couldn't hold off Mad Dog's two-fisted assault.

It was Ross' 31st KO win, his 22nd straight win, and stretched his unbeaten string to 32 in a row.

Milton Owens, 158, Orlando, won his tenth straight by halting Randy Armstrong, 158, Fort Lauderdale, in the third. Armstrong subbed for Bahamian champ Rennie Pinder, who was detained in Nassau because his waiver visa had expired.

In a wild and wooly light heavyweight brawl, Ed "Savage" Turner, 177, Orlando, blew a narrow lead and got stopped on his feet by former victim Ernie Barr, 178, Nassau, with less than a minute to go in the eighth and final session. It was a grueling battle, with each man wobbled often and it was a case of the decision probably going to the man who won the final round. Unfortunately for Turner, he wasn't around to hear the points totalled up.

▲**NOTES 'N' QUOTES:** With the opening show of the year, January 14, the record-breaking Gene Wells—Joey Vincent showdown, daily newspaper coverage in the "Orlando Sentinel Star" returned. Steve Vaughn, who fought long and hard to obtain permission for his sports department to be able to staff the fights, finally persuaded new editor James Squires to allow boxing coverage. Vaughn, who has since been promoted from sports editor and replaced by Mickey McCarthy, assigned Brian Schmitz to the boxing beat, and the entire town is happier for it . . . In other media news, Ch. 2 sports director Mick "Songbird" Andews plans to resign and concentrate on a budding career on the pro tennis circuit. Andrews, with close to a decade in the area (he went to Rollins College on a golf scholarship), also doubled as a sparring partner for his buddy, Mike Quarry. Buddy Pittman and Ken Brown will handle Mick's chores . . . Pete Ashlock and Bill Watkins, who handle a large stable of boxers in both Orlando and Houston, switched amateur prospects recently. Watkins sent young heavyweight Jeff McCoy to Orlando for Dominick Polo to train, while Ashlock sent to Houston heavyweight Bob Ritchie and lightweight Rocky Trampler, brother of Orlando matchmaker Bruce Trampler. . . . in Tampa, 90 miles west of Orlando, hustling Joe Brady is still trying to put something together, but is having trouble lining up backers who will use Lou Viscusi's stable. . . . Houston lightweight Termite Watkins (30-2), after weeks of extensive hospital tests to explain his mysterious weakness in an upset defeat to Augustine Estrada, is back in the gym was scheduled to box Speedy Gonzalez in Orlando as we were going to press . . . . Veteran Tommy Hatcher plans to take over the Pensacola promotional reins for ailing Dave Peaden, using Mike Cusimano's capable New Orleans welterweight Clyde Washington on top . . . . Tampa middleweight Tommy Ellis has asked to drop his nickname of "Killer," now that he passed his exams to join the Cigar City police force.



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MILWAUKEE BOXING ON UPSWING

By RAY HELING

Professional boxing will certainly be on the upswing in the Milwaukee area. The newly formed Milwaukee Boxing Enterprises will promote top-notch shows on a regular basis of once a month, so look for action hereabouts with fighters like veteran Karl Zurheide, light heavy, the most traveled pro fighter in Wisconsin boxing history. Also local fighters like vet heavyweight Eddie Brooks, sparring partner of champions, "Bomber" John Townsend, 175 pounder, lightweight Tom Tarantino. Backing up the shows in prelim class at this stage are Harv Betts, 126 lbs., Scott Anderson, 132 lbs., Steve Crowe, 132 lbs., Santos Rodriguez, 139 lbs., Royce McKee, 139 lbs., Tito Santiago, 126 lbs., Billy Goodwin, 150 lbs., and Larry Ward, 162 lbs.

One of the finest fighters developed locally and who possibly can make it big is welterweight Bruce Finch who sports a 16-0-1 record, but due to managerial problems hasn't been used locally due to that problem and that problem alone. Any information desired hereabouts can be obtained by writing this writer at 2101 E. Hillcrest Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. 53207.

GARY "HAMMER" HOLMGREN

(Continued from page 30)

Palomino won the welterweight crown. I boxed him over 500 rounds in the gym at Fort Dix. And I must have licked him 400 of them."

As an amateur, Holmgren lost only to Mike Morgan, Milton Seward, and Eloy Benitz. Along the way Gary's amateur trainers were Doyle Title, Del Bravo, and Cal Cox, among others.

On May 15, 1974, Gary Holmgren turned to the professional ranks and thus far has put together a 17-2-0 record with ten knockouts, five of them in the first round. Only Bruce Finch and Ricardo Thomatis have been able to report wins over Holmgren.

So far Gary has beaten the likes of Al Franklin, Rory O'Shea twice, Dennis Haggerty, Efren Maldonado, Tim Adams, and John Simpson.

One of Holmgren's easiest fights was also one of his hardest. It was his one round kayo of St. Paul's popular Efren Maldonado. Gary and Efren were very good friends and trained together in the gym almost all the time. Both were the same weight and on the way up, so a match between the two was made to clear the air. Neither fighter really wanted to fight his friend, but business is business, as they say. It was over quickly, as a Holmgren left hook won the bout. After it was over they embraced and talked, still friends.

When Holmgren became a professional his first manager was a St. Paul woman, Patt Drews, but he is now handled and trained by Bill Kane, of Minneapolis, who has put Holmgren on the right track.

In the April 1875 issue of THE RING Gary was named Prospect of the Month, and in mid-1976 Holmgren was listed in RING's U.S. ratings.

In the Al Franklin match, Holmgren showed great improvement. Franklin was down in the first round and was completely outclassed throughout the fight. The teachings of Bill Kane are starting to show results that could lead to future big money shots.

Holmgren has learned the value of vigorous training. He said, "We're working on my style. I'm trying to box a little more and pick my spots, use a few more defensive tactics. I think my training will help a lot as well. In a couple of my fights I wasn't in a good shape and got tired. That's when you take a beating. When I'm in good shape I don't get hit as often. My new training program will help a lot. I'm now training full time." Holmgren has also developed a sneaky left jab, as well as poise and strength.

The Gary Holmgren of today is a far cry from the troubled kid who ran the streets of St. Paul. He has attended junior college, and owned his own mobile home service. He doesn't drink or smoke now, but does like canoe trips, skiing, scuba diving, hunting, fishing, and automobiles. Holmgren recently went into partnership in an exclusive men's clothing store in downtown St. Paul.

It's been said of Gary Holmgren that he is in non-stop pursuit of a multitude of interests that make him a surprisingly complex individual; that no fighter has more raw guts, is more fearless, or more determined than Gary Holmgren. Those are the main ingredients that world champions are made of.

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BENITEZ DRAWS, GRIFFITH WINS

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Benitez, one of the youngest champions of all time, lost some ground by his clowning and his antics, which alienated those who dislike overconfidence and a "big head." He manifested both, and this could eventually be the cause of his downfall. If he gets over this problem, Benitez could well become a truly great champion.

The official ballot showed the referee voting for Benitez, and the two judges, Harold Lederman and Al Reid, both having it five rounds each. Since New York rules call for a majority decision, the fight was called a draw. This writer thought Benitez won, but tossed it away with his foolish antics.

The opening was a cakewalk for Pedro Soto, of New York, 194¾ pounds, over willing, but outclassed, Brian O'Melia, from Bayonne, N.J., 199 pounds. Soto punched his man at will and captured every round. Tony Perez refereed this one. The only surprise was that the loser wasn't down once.

As for the four rounders, Marcus Barahona, from New York, 135¼ pounds, outpointed Danny Daniels, from Newark, N.J., while in another four, Bill Connell, from New Jersey, 197½, took a KO win over Johnny Baline, of Bridgeport, Connecticut, 198, at 1:57 of the fourth round.

Introduced from ringside by announcer Jack E. Lee was ex-heavyweight champion Joe Frazier, who left early, and taking a bow from ringside were former featherweight champions and rivals Willie Pep and Sandy Saddler, as well as Vito Antuofermo, middleweight challenger. Lud, popular Sports Editor of the "Hudson Dispatch," in New Jersey, was being congratulated by his newspaper cronies on celebrating his 75th birthday.

PAT COLEMAN'S GYM

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move into the pro game.

Since Pat received her first professional manager's license in 1973 the Colemans have moved steadily ahead in the boxing world. Their small, but well outfitted, gym has attracted plenty of notice from the public, media and many would-be boxers.

Presently the Colemans are training number 10 world rated middleweight Leo (Kid) Saenz under a two year contract calling for a percentage of each purse to go to the trainers. The other fighters in the Coleman stable under managerial contract are: Matt (Feet) Robinson, heavyweight; C.J. Faison, welterweight; Smokey Joe Middleton, light heavyweight; and Bob McGarvey, welterweight.

The ever ebullient Rocky is particularly high on Robinson and Middleton. "Matt (Robinson) is a dynamite prospect," says Rocky. "He's been out of boxing for four or five years with a bad back, but now he's going to be a Cinderella Man—he's coming along slow, but he's all heart. Why, he even fought his last fight (against George Chaplin in Cleveland) with a dislocated shoulder. Now that's what I call heart.

"Smokey," says Rocky, never stopping for breath, "is another guy I really like. He's a slam-bang guy, always coming right at you. He lost a close decision to Gary Summerhayes in Cleveland recently, but I know he's going to come back and pull off some big wins."

Another fighter the Colemans are very high on is 21-year-old University of Maryland Journalism student Louis Kirk. According to Pat, plans now call for Kirk to campaign as an amateur welterweight for the next year and then turn pro. "Louie has just got so much potential," says Pat, "I just hope he sticks with it. . . We think he can really go places."

GUSHIKEN TAKES NOD FROM RIOS

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exchange rallies in another session. But Gushiken, lefty puncher, took the ninth round with light short rights and lefts to the suddenly willing Rios' face.

Again the Panamanian began to dance rather than punch in the tenth canto to cause Gushiken's combos to miss time and again. The round was even. At this stage Rios' strategy to keep his distance from the Nipponese puncher helped Gushiken's gash to cease streaming. But his right eye was obviously puffed from Jaime's blows and occasional mutual butts.

It was from the eleventh round on that Gushiken commenced to come forward more positively. Now that the Japanese knew Rios' lack of power punching, Gushiken concentrated on a body bombardment to win the eleventh round. The lefty champ had the best round in the next three minutes, when Gushiken nailed the shorter hombre with a barrage of punches to be in clear command. Though the younger champion, who turned professional two years and seven months ago, never had to go beyond the seventh round in any of his contests, Gushiken showed superior stamina with a fresh two-fisted attack to the torso of fast-footed Rios. Despite the Panamanian throwing several looping rights, the thirteenth stanza went to Gushiken for throwing a superior number of punches. It was astonishing that Rios, whose footwork seemed to fade gradually, began to make good use of his feet to bewilder Gushiken, causing the latter to miss often. Neither took the fourteenth round.

In the final fifteenth round Gushiken, whom spectators and TV watchers all expected to stop the game, came on desperately, swarmed over the dancing Rios with incessant punches, but was unable to catch the swift target with his non-stop combinations.

Gushiken, with his face crimson, was the obvious points victor, so the cheering crowd made a strong protest against one scoresheet, 71-67, tabbed by Panamanian Judge Rodolph Hill. Referee Ortega and Japanese Judge Takeo Ugo gave their votes 70-67 and 73-67, respectively, in Gushiken's favor.

The triumphant winner, whose head was tied with a towel to cover the still bleeding gash, said, "I clearly won the game, but Rios was a durable guy who endured my attack. I thought my visit to the canvas in the third round was a slip. It did not hurt me at all. I fought calmly, as manager Kanehira had advised. The key to my victory was that I changed a strategy to aim at Rios' body to weaken his troublesome footwork."

The important decision brought Gushiken to an unblemished record of 10-0, while Rios received his third defeat against 18 wins and one draw.

Gushiken entered the ring at 107 pounds, three-quarters of a pound heavier than the Panamanian challenger. The hard fought 15-rounder might be a good experience for the southpaw KO artist who had iced six men early within the distance.

The card presented other JBC title goes which supported the main event. Middleweight champion Masashi Kudo, hitherto unbeaten in 13 outings with seven kayoes, polished off Saburo Sakai in the ninth round. Each scaled 159¾ pounds. Kudo had his tough rival on the deck four times and out. On another card, ex-Olympic medalist Waruinge (Philippe) Nakayama, an African now living in Japan, was knocked out by rising puncher Yutaka Kasahara, half a pound lighter at 120¾, in two quick rounds. It was Waruinge's farewell to Japan's super-bantamweight leadership.

CABANELA BEATS SUKOTHAI BY DISQUALIFICATION

By FELIPE J. C. GALANG

MANILA — Fernando Cabanela, 123 and bantamweight champion of the Philippines beat Thanonchit Sukothai, 120½ in the 8th round thru disqualification. Referee Carlos Padilla, Jr., stopped the fight after Cabanela suffered a cut on the right eye as a result of an intentional butt by Thanomchit in the eighth round. Cabanela was leading when the head butt occured. The unorthodox style of the Thailander had baffled Cabanela, so he was on the defensive. Bananela received a golden trophy donated by the National Press Club.

In the supporting main event, Erning Grafe, 128½ outpointed Rocky Hernandizo, 129½, in 10 rounds. Pepito Gilua, 141, halted Rado Brancano, 137½, in the eighth. Peter Siscon, 112, decisioned Yamaguchi Noboyuki, 112, in six. Celso Esnero, 134, stopped Billy Contacte, 131, in four. Larry Enriquez, 119, kayoed Jet Mateo, 119 in eight. Romeo Sajonia, 135, beat Roberto Labores, 135, in six. Tito Abeela, 109, knocked out Jun Mondejar, 110, in five.

▲OROQUITA CITY — Young Fely, 130, won over Ben Estallo, 130, in 10 rounds before a capacity crowd promoted by Bert Lagar. Both were cautious at the start but as the round goes on, they started tossing punches with Fely having the upper hand. The crowd was pleased with the decision.

▲DAVAO CITY — Arman Bangoyan, 120, stopped Sandy Torres, 120, in the fifth in the main event of 10 rounds. Sandy was faster that his rival could not locate him. He got careless and Arman landed his bombs to end the night. The promoted was Atty. A. Garcia. Renato Paulino, 118, defeated Pol Ladeza, 118, in the supportint main event of 10 rounds. Both were fast but Paulino had the upper hand.

▲CEBU CITY — Dan de Guzman, 141, halted Solomon Garson, 140, in the second round of their 10 round bout. Solomon tried to get even with the Nueva Ecija kid and this was his last as he only lasted two rounds. This ended their rematching. This is a Alejandro Suansing promotion. Flash Oliver, 130, decisioned Orlando Cruz, 130, in 10.

▲OLONGAPO CITY — Alberto Cruz, 152, and middleweight champion of the Philippines drew with Frisco Montemayor, 149, in 12 rounds, promoted by Antonio Esguerra. Frisco was the aggressor while Alberto had been on the defensive. Alberto had countered effectively while Frisco was trying to make a fight to no avail.

▲BAGUIO CITY — Rey Tam, 131, beat Ramon Elorde, 131, in 10 rounds. Rey was with his hands and feet and often caught the flatfooted Ramon unaware where the punches were coming from. It was promoted by Alberto Della. Only the toughness of Ramon saved his skin to the canvas.

▲DAVAO CITY — Jimmy Leomar, 130, beat Al Espinosa, 131, in 10 rounds which was promoted by Andres Ong. It was a nontitle bout so the crown of Espinosa was not in stake. Al had taken Jimmy so lightly that he did not even train for the occasion. A rematch is being made for another fight.

▲BALAGTAS, BULACAN — Gideon Toyogon, 147, defeated Pedro Adigue in 12 rounds for the welterweight championship of the Philippines. Toyogon was fast and clever for the veteran Adigue. Eddie Galler, 112, beat George Pedroso, 112, in 10. Eddie proved that he was the master of Eddie in all angles of the fight. It was promoted by Teddy Rado.

▲CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY — Johnny Sato, 127, outpointed Walter Naldo, 127, in 10 rounds. They had fighting in their ranking in the featherweight division. The No. 4 defeated the No. 2 so Johnny will be rank higher. Franco Torregosa, 112, bested Ben Aldeguer, 113. No. 9 Franco defeated No. 4 will be highly recommended for a higher spot in the flyweight division. It was promoted by Jose Villaroya.

▲CEBU CITY — Jessie Necessario, 140, beat William Gotera, 140, in 10 rounds. Jessie packed a wallop so that only the toughness of William saved him. The decision was unanimous. It was promoted by Doy Jacinto. Daniel Pilar, 111, won over Fed Oficiar, 109, in 10 rounds. Daniel was too clever for the young Fed. Andy Balaba, 110, defeated Frank Cabuenas, 110, in 10 rounds. It was Balaba's fight.

▲DAVAO CITY — Nene Jun, 127, beat Francisco Balug, 127, in 10 rounds. It was promoted by Atty. Agustin Garcia. Balug was once the featherweight champion of the Philippines and wants a comeback. He met a much younger and stronger opponent in Nene Jun.

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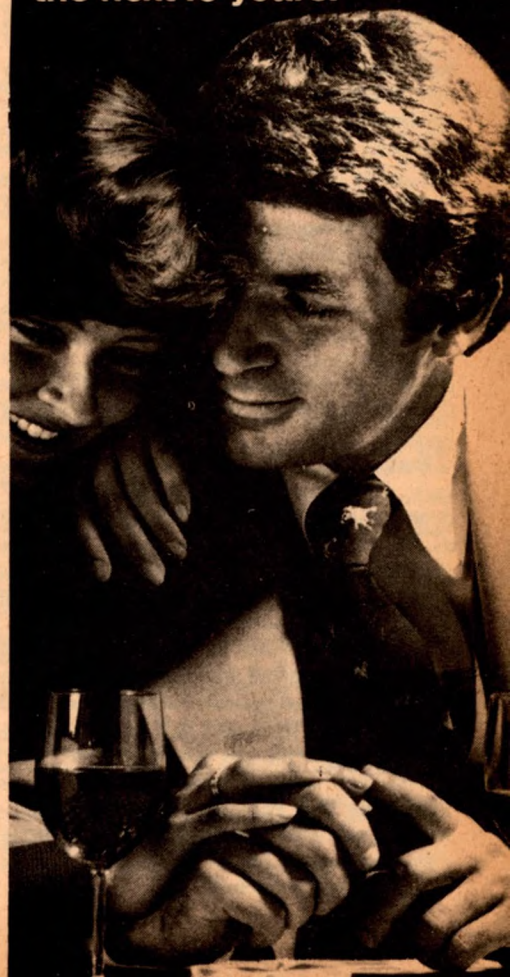

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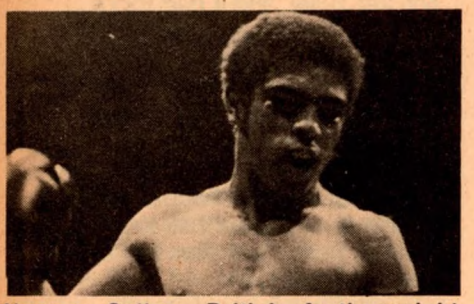
Batten Takes British Light Middle Title



Vernon Sollas, British featherweight champ, was beaten by Welsh champion Les Pickett in a non-title bout when referee Harry Gibbs stopped the fight at 1:55 of round ten.

ROYAL ALBERT HALL, LONDON—This was a bill which was styled by promoter Mike Barrett as "Nobodies who could one day become somebodies." What Mike really meant was a crop of youngsters, a mixture of experience and comparative inexperience, with the accent on Longon-based fighters.

And this all added up to one of the fascinating bills staged at this venue for some time.

The top-liner featured two lads in their early twenties, boxing for the vacant British light middleweight title. This had been relinquished by Maurice Hope because of his European and world title aspirations, and he had done so in the knowledge that his stablemate, Jimmy Batten, would have a chance of winning the vacant crown.

All went according to plan. Jimmy Batten, Millwall, 151¾, beat Albert Hillman, Orpington, 152¾, who was retired by his corner at the end of the seventh.

Neither boxer is reputed to have a heavy dig, so we were prepared for a skillful contest that would probably go the full 15 rounds.

Batten had other ideas. He varied his attack well, showed a great deal of confidence, and jabbed accurately throughout. Try as he may, and how he tried, Hillman couldn't put his punches together and whatever he attempted, Batten was more than equal.

Hillman bled from the nose, and he swellings around the left eye. In the fifth Batten looked right on top, with Hillman tiring, and referee James Brimmell paid a visit to Albert's corner at the end of that session.

The sixth went to same way, and it was noticeable that Hill got through his opponent's guard on two occasions with hefty right hands, only for Batten to storm back as if nothing had happened.

Manager Dennie Mancini wasted no time at the end of the seventh, and signalled to the referee that it was pointless for Albert to continue.

A good scrap, both giving everything they had, and Batten matured with this contest.

British featherweight champion Vernon Sollas, Edinburgh, needed a good work-out before defending his crown against Alan Richardson, so he was matched with Les Pickett, the Welsh champion from Merthyr. A non-title affair, both men being inside 128.

However, Pickett hadn't read the script, and after being dumped on the canvas in the opening round for a count of eight from a left to the jaw, he got up to stop Sollas in the tenth and final round.

This was such a fine display of pluck and determination that the fans threw in nobbins at the end.

Neither Sollas nor his manager Bobby Neill could put their fingers on why Sollas didn't win. For three rounds Sollas was so much on top that it just seemed a matter of time. Pickett bled from the nose, and was marked around the right eye.

Even in the fourth, with Pickett raising his pace and throwing a lot of punches, one could only assume that it was an all-out bid for victory, which, if it failed, would be the end of the little Welshman.

But not a bit of it. Sollas didn't seem perturbed at his opponent's aggression, yet was doing little on his own account. He had a bit of a go in the sixth, but this only served to tire him, and although he was skillful enough to avoid several of Pickett's leads, he couldn't avoid them all.

By now the crowd had sensed that all was not going well with the champion. If Sollas was waiting for Pickett to tire, or even ease up, he was to be disappointed. Les kept the pressure on, stalking his man, and it seemed that when inevitably he got weary, sheer determiniation and pride lifted him to keep on attacking.

Sollas now appeared resigned to his fate. He was not throwing many punches, yet even in the ninth, when he took a lot without reply there was no indication that he would completely fold up.

But this was in fact what happened. He commenced the tenth with a few tentative left hands, then Pickett got to work, and when Les unleashed another fusilade of punches Sollas had nothing left. His legs were gone, and he hadn't the strength to lift his hands to defend himself.

Referee Harry Gibbs called off Pickett after 1 minute 55 seconds of that final round. Les danced around the ring in sheer joy. This was a night he will always remember.

Upsets were the order of the evening, and another occurred when Alec Tompkins, West Ham, 161¾, beat Billy Knight, East Lane, 161¾, the bout being stopped in the fourth of a scheduled eight with Knight in no position to defend himself.

Knight, who had already fought for the British middleweight title, being stopped by Alan Minter, is nevertheless being groomed for another attack on the title or maybe a shot at the light-heavy crown.

Tompkins was there to provide opposition that would give Knight more experience, and of course another victory. Instead, Alec's grit plus a hefty right cross, demolished the favourite.

Knight started confidently enough, and for two rounds he scored well with hard left hooks, just occasionally getting caught with the Tompkins' right hand.

Again, at the start of the third, Knight banged away to the body, but left himself open to some combination punching from Tompkins that put Knight down for seven.

As Tompkins came in again Knight met him punch for punch, and this was developing into quite a contest. Knight opened the fourth in promising fashion, but was soon on the end of his opponents' right hooks again.

With a swelling under the left eye, Knight looked in trouble, and was decked for eight. On rising he was subjected to more punishment and was turning away from the action when referee Harry Gibbs stopped it.

An impressive win for Tompkins, which required guts as well as ability. And an exciting bout that the fans lapped up.

Not so much an upset, but nevertheless the first pro defeat for Jimmy Flint, Wapping, 125¼, narrowly outpointed by the much more experienced Bingo Crooks, Wolverhampton, 128, over eight by 79-78½.

Not a lot in it, some thought Flint deserved the nod, but Crooks' only fault was that he clowned a bit and posed a bit. But his punches were clean and accurate against a determined opponent who was aggressive throughout.

Crooks didn't escape unscathed. He was cut on the mouth and bled from the nose, and Flint lost nothing in stature by being defeated.

Clinton McKenzie, Croydon, 138, easily outscored George McGurk, Jarrow, 139½, over 80-76 over eight, winning every round. Southpaw McKenzie made it three straight victories and overcame the handicap of a cut by the right eye in the penultimate round.

The experienced McGurk did his best to take his opponent out of his stride, but McKenzie was too fast for him and gave a fine display of counterpunching.

Rocky Beaumont, Hull, 135½, beat Barry Price, Brighton, 136½, the referee intervening in the third of a scheduled six. As soon as Beaumont opened up, it was virtually all over. Price was down three times.

Cornelius Bosa-Edwards, Ugandan-born and Harrow-based, made it four out of four as a pro when he beat Danny Connolly, Stepney, 133, the bout being stopped in the second of a scheduled six. Substitute Connolly was no match for southpaw Bosa-Edwards, and was decked in the opening session, half-pulled down in the second, and with Danny's left eye injured and referee intervened. At that stage Danny looked shaken, and the decision seemed right.

Gala Baths, West Bromwish—Former British light-middle champ Larry Paul, Wolverhampton, 159¼, comfortably outpointed Wayne Bennett, New Tredegar, 160¼, over eight by 79-77½.

Bennett revealed a hard right cross, but was cut under the left eye in the third and his right eye was swollen in the sixth, but he kept going in spite of some nifty punching by Paul.

After being inactive for over two years, Pat McCann, Harrow, 175, returned to easily outscore Brian Huckfield, Tipton, 174½, by 79½-77 over eight. Southpaw McCann found it difficult after winning the first three rounds, but used his greater experience to keep his opponent at bay.

Ray Ross, Ardglass, 135, was adjudged to have outpointed Godfrey Butler, Birmingham, 135¼, over eight twos by 78-77½, but the decision was greeted with almost unanimous disapproval. Ross was floored in the sixth and bled from the nose, but put in a good finish. This did not appear to make up the leeway earned by Butler's accurate jabbing and right crosses.

Paul Shutt, Leicester, 154½, beat Jim Devanney, Bradford, 153, the bout being stopped in the seventh of a scheduled eight to save the latter further punishment.

Johnny Owen, Tredegar, 115½, easily outscored Neil McLoughlin, Derry, over eight twos by 80-76½, not losing a round. When they met before it was drawn.

Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club, Bradford—Central Area light-heavy champ Pat Thompson, Liverpool, 177, outpointed Alek Penarski, 176, over eight rounds of 79-78. Thompson opened well, and had built up a lead by the time Penarski made his belated effort.

Von Reid, Birmingham, 137, kayoed Ray Holdcroft, Stoke, 137, in three.

Steve Laybourn, Barnsley, 142, beat Ray Murray, Manchester, 140, the referee intervening in the first round after Murry had been decked for seven.

Albert Coley, Birmingham, 131, outpointed Paul Clemit, Barnsley, 130, by 59-58½, over six twos. Coley was floored in the second, but Clemit was impetuous and censured for hitting his opponent when the latter was still on the canvas.

Wolverhampton Civic Hall—Kirkland Laing, Nottingham, 149½, impressed in his first ten-rounder, outscoring Scottish light-middleweight champion John Smith, Glasgow, 153, by 100-94½, thus winning every round. Smith is a durable fighter, and Laing sensibly took no chances, boxing his way to victory.

Tony Sibson, Leicester, 163, made it ten in a row by outpointing Tony Burnett, Cardiff, 163, over eight twos by 80-75½. A competent performance by the 18-year-old Sibson.

Burnett was never in the fight. He was on his knees in the first round, cut by the right eye in the second, and so much on the receiving end in the later stages that some fans wanted it stopped.

John McCallum, Glasgow, 170, outscored Winston Cousins, Manchester, 166½, by 59-58 over six, but it was a near thing. Cousins did well in the early rounds, but McCallum finished strongly.

Ginger McIntyre, Cardiff, 170, outpointed debutant Andy Mumford, Nuneaton, 174½, over four by 40-38½. Experience told in this one.

Johnny Pincham, Crawley, 149, beat Achille Mitchell, Conventry, 148, the bout being stopped at the end of the seventh, when Mitchell was cut over the left eye.

Debutant Paul Varden, Nuneaton, 119, beat Ray Dodd, Bradford, 118, the bout being stopped in the third after the latter had been decked three times.

Roy Varden, Nuneaton, 138, was not so fortunate as brother Paul, and was adjudged to have been outpointed by Vernon Vanriel, Tottenham, 136½, over six twos, by 59-58½.

A close one, and some thought Roy deserved a draw.

National Sporting Club, Longon—Hugh Smith, Chapelhall, 142, outpointed Barton McAllister, Clapham, 140½, over eight by 79-78. McAllister rallied in the later rounds, but his failure to follow up his advantages may have cost him at least a share of the honours.

Eddie Vieling, Southampton, 168, beat George Borden, Edinburgh, 167¼, the bout being stopped in the fifth of a scheduled six after the latter had been floored. He had also been on the canvas in the opening session.

Owen Lotriet, Southampton, 164, outscored Henry Johnson, West Ham, 163, by 60-58 over six twos. Lotriet showed aggression throughout.

Steve Butler, Wakefield, 135, outpointed Delvin Whyte, Tottenham, 137, over six twos by the narrowest margin of 59½-59. Butler was fully extended, especially by his opponent's body-punching, some of which earned Whyte warnings.

Afterwards there was tragedy for Butler, when he was told his father had died from a heart attack in the fifth round of his son't contest.

Manor Place Baths, London—Dave Smith, Eltham, 116, outpointed Jimmy Bott, Liverpool, 117, over eight twos by 80-77, not losing a round. Bott was decked in the seventh, and gave a pluck display, but Smith had things very much his own way.

In another bout over eight twos, Wally Angliss, Harrow, 125, outscored Steve Enwright, Halifax, 125¾, by 79-78½, with Steve putting in a rousing finish which some thought earned him a share.

Barry Price, Crawley, 135¾, outpointed Danny Connolly, Stepney, 135, over six by 59½-58. It was the latter's first defeat, and Price won by putting on the pressure in the last two rounds.

Clive Davidson, Peckham, 156, gained a points win against Augustus Sims, also Peckham, 154¼, by 79½-78 over eight twos.

Billy Jeram, Bermondsey, 136¼, beat substitute Joey Anastacio, Liverpool, 135, the referee intervening in the opening round with Anastacio having been caught by a couple of good punches and seemingly not too aware of what was going on.

Colin Deans, Jarrow, 146¼, outscored fellow-debutant Don Hughes, Smithfield, 149, over six twos by 59½-58½. Hughes was handicapped by a cut on the right eyebrow in the fifth.

Reading Twon Hall—Ishaq Hussien, Reading, 203½, outpointed Tony Moore, 196, over eight by 79½-77. It was the 20-year-old Hussien's best win to date, for Moore was previously rated No. 5 heavyweight in Britain.

Hussien's supporters invaded the ring when the result was announced, and their combined weight caused the ring to collapse. It was impossible to repair the damage in time, so two of the scheduled five bouts could not take place.

As to the fight itself, there was all the much excitment, but Hussien did enough to prove he is on the right lines. There was one curious incident when referee Sid Nathan visited Hussien's corner at the end of the fourth. Hussien's manager, Bev Walker, who also promoted the show, said afterwards that Hussien had been instructed by the referee not to pull his punches.

There were no knockdowns, but Moore is a tough opponent, and it was only Hussien's 13th bout.

Trevor Francis, Basingstoke, 156, outpointed Charlie Cooper, Ferndown, 155, over eight, by 79½-77½.

A fine crowd-pleaser, and for a man who has been inactive for ten months, Cooper put up a whale of a fight.

Colin Ward, Northampton, 148, confirmed a previous win by outscoring Malcolm Howard, Southampton, 149, over six twos by 59½-58½. Howard was always behind, and is still hoping for his first pro win after five defeats.

Arden Sporting Club, Birmingham—Ian Pickersgill, Doncaster, 138, outpointed Dill Collins, Llantwit Major, 136½, over eight by 79-78.

It was their fourth meeting, and the score now stands at 2-1 for Pickersgill with one drawn.

A real thriller, with nobbins thrown in afterwards from enthusiastic fans.

Eddie Vieling, Southampton, 166, outscored Doug Ralston, Leicester, 166, over six twos by the narrowest margin of 59-58½, which was tough luck on Ralston after he had substituted at seven hour's notice and come straight from his work as a coal-miner.

Debutant Tom Collins, Leeds, 177, beat Ginger McIntyre, Cardiff, 173, the referee intervening in the second after McIntyre had been decked.

Barry Price, Crawley, 134½, outpointed Von Reid, Birmingham, 137, over eight by 78½-78. A close margin, but not a fight to be remembered.

Anglo-American Sporting Club, London—Jeff Pritchard, Tredegar, 126½, beat Dave Needham, Nottingham, 127½, the bout being stopped in the fifth when Needham was cut over the right eye.

The 25-year-old Needham will now have a long think before deciding whether or not to retire. This was his fourth defeat in a row.

Colin Powers, Paddington, 138¾, beat Barton McAllister, Clapham, 140, the bout being stopped in the fifth of a scheduled eight, at which stage McAllister was not retaliating after being on the receiving end.

Bob Pollard, Tottenham, 181¼, outscored George Gray, Aberdeen, 182, over eight twos by 79½-78½. A gruelling encounter, both bleeding from the nose and Pollard won by virtue of his aggression.

Carlton Benoit, Islington, 180, outscored Johnny Cox, Northampton, 181, over six twos byd 59-58½. A close one, with Benoit the cleaner and more accurate puncher, against an aggressive opponent.

Great International Sporting Club, Nottingham—Chris Walker, Sheffield, 139¾, outpointed Gordon Kirk, Liverpool, 140, over ten by 98½-97½ to take the latter's Central Area light-welter crown.

It was a fight of fluctuating fortunes. Kirk took an early lead, boxing coolly and methodically, but was caught in the fourth by some good head punches.

Kirk got back in the fight momentarily, but in the end was taking a few hefty bangs from the enthusiastic Walker, who proved the harder puncher.

Kevin Davis, Nottingham, 142¾, outpointed Jimmy King, Birmingham, 143, over six by 59-58½, and thus retained his unbeaten record. King was at his best at long range, Davis at close quarters, and it was mighty close.

Eddie Smith, Manchester, 162½, beat Steve Stocks, Sheffield, 163, the referee intervening at the end of the fifth of a scheduled six with Smith well on top.

Colin Deans, Jarrow, 149, gained a close six-rounds points win over Roysie Francis, Manchester, 149, by 59-58½. Deans improved after a slow start and had established a lead before his opponent's final rally.

North Staffs Sporting Club, Stoke—Mich Hussey, Islington, 163, drew with Tony Burnett, Cardiff, 164, over eight twos in a real crowd-pleaser that brought nobbins from the delighted patrons.

Burnett took an early lead, but was then cut over the right eye, whereupon Hussey gained encouragement and fought his way back. A good result.

John Lain, Highgate, 155, outscored Joe Hannaford, Shrewsbury, 156, over eight twos by 78½-77½. Another scrap, and Lain did well considering he hurt his right hand in the second round.

George Salmon, Stoke, 154, kayoed Alan Cable, Croydon, 152, in the fourth of a scheduled eight twos. Cable opened in promising fashion, but tired, and towards the end of the round was caught with a right to the body. The bell sounded, but the count continued to "ten."

Mick Barker, Portsmouth, 144½, outscored Earl Noel, Camberwell, 143, over six twos by 59-58½. The scoreline was close, but Barker was a decisive winner.

Marty Jacobs, Liverpool, 141, beat Johnny Beauchamp, Portsmouth, 142, the referee intervening after the latter had been decked twice.

World Sporting Club, Longon—Irish lightweight champion Charlie Nash, Derry, 138, kept his unbeaten record by beating American substitute Donny Sennett, 136, the bout being stopped in the fifth when the American was cut on the left eyelid.

At that stage Sennett was a well-beaten man, and Nash could hardly have raised a sweat.

Chris Davies, Cardiff, 139, beat Ray Heaney, Lurgan, 136, the latter having his right eye closed, so he stopped fighting and returned to his corner.

It seemed that he had decided to retire, but with no immediate official action forthcoming Davies continued his assault, whereupon the fight was stopped just nine seconds before the end of the round.

It was quite a fight while it lasted, and nobbins came from the fans afterwards.

Gerry Young, Belfast, 150½, made a good pro start by narrowly outpointing substitute Mich Barker, Portsmouth, 146, over eight twos by 79-78½.

Pat Brogan, Crewe, 162, outpointed Clive Davidson, Peckham, 160, over eight quiet rounds by 79½-77½. Their fourth meeting, score now 2-2.

It was not as one-sided as the scoreline would suggest, but the bout lacked excitement.

York Hall, London—Best young lightweight prospect on the horizon is undoubtedly Cornelius Bosa-Edwards, 136½, who beat experienced Tommy Wright, Doncaster, 137, the referee intervening after only 2:15 of the first round.

Both are southpaws, but this didn't matter in the short duration of the contest. Bosa came out quickly, looking for his man, Wright backed away, but was cornered and took several helfty left hooks.

Tommy took a delayed-action count of seven, and as he rose in came Bosa again with more left hooks to the head that had his opponent in trouble.

As Wright was not hitting back, referee Mike Jacobs stopping it. An outstanding victory for Bosa against a man who has a draw to his credit against featherweight champion Vernon Sollas.

In the other main bout, also schedule for eight rounds, Colin Powers, Paddington, 136¾, defeated Billy Vivian, Tredegar, 134¾, the bout being stopped in the fourth with Vivian being pounded half-way through the ropes.

Powers too looks a good prospect in the lightweight division. He boxed with authority, varied his punching well and was far too good for the comparatively inexperienced Vivian.

York Hall is noted for its nobbins fights, and the drawn bout between Johnny Waldron, Poplar, 174½, and Bob Pollard, Edmonton, 177, was no exception.

There was plenty of solid close-quarters work and Pollard got a censure during the frequent clashing of heads. Waldron emerged from one exchange with a bruise by the left eye in the fourth.

Keith Bussey, Camberwell, 162, outscored Jimmy Pickard, 160, over six by 59½-57½. Pickard was handicapped by an injured left eye, and Bussey recovered after taking a hard left to the head in the third.

Bobby Mays, Islington, 159½, outpointed Howard Mills, Huddersfield, 161½, also over six. Mills kept working throughout, but Mills did so only in spasms.

John Foley, Hammersmith, 188, outpointed Jim Evans, Bethnal Green, 207¼, over four twos by 40-38½. These two novices supplied plenty of action, and southpaw Foley was a worthy winner.

National Sporting Club, London—Jeff Pritchard, Tredegar, 129½, outscored Jackie McGill, Glasgow, 128, over eight by 79½-78. It was McGill's sixth fight, and the end of his unbeaten record.

Pritchard's nose bled from the first round, and McGill was cut by the left eye in the final session, necessitating four stitches.

The result was correct, the scoreline looked tough on the loser.

Tommy Davitt, Tufnell Park, 139, convincingly outpointed Peter Neal, Abingdon, 140, over six twos by 60-57½, not losing a round. Neal lacked nothing in gameness and honest endeavour, but was outmanoeuvred in all phases by the sharp-looking Davitt.

Roy Gumbs, Tottenham, 165½, beat Peter Mullins, Wolverhampton, 166, the bout being stopped in the fourth after Mullins had been floored.

Eddie Vielding, Southampton, 181½, also won inside the distance, stopping Eddie Patterson, New Cross, 177½, the referee intervening in the fifth after Patterson had gone down twice.

St. Andrew's Sporting Club, Glasgow—Steve Angell, Hemel Hempstead, 152¼, conclusively outscored Scottish light-middlewIGHT CHAMPION John Smith, Clasgow, 153¾, over eight by 79½-78½.

Southpaw Angell built up a good lead by means of accurate jabs and was equal to the occasion when Smith turned on the aggression.

It was three in a row for Eddie Burke, Inverkeithing, 159¾, who beat Jim Moore, Bradford, 160, the referee intervening in the fourth after Moore had been decked three times.

It was also the third straight victory for John McCallum, Glasgow, 171¾, who gained a six-rounds points win over Reg Long, Peterlee, 171, by 59½-58½. Some fans didn't agree and showed their disapproval. A hard fight, with McCallum just about deserving the nod.

The lucky number "three" turned up yet again when Colin Deans, Jarrow, 145½, gained his third win in succession by outscoring George Kidd, Glasgow, 148, over four twos by 40-38. Kidd was decked in the third.

COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHT

champion
Joe Bugner (E)
1. Billy Aird (E)
2. Richard Dunn (E)
3. Fonomanu Sekona (T)
4. Ngozika Ekwelum (N)
5. Dentoh Ruddock (J)
6. John L. Gardner (E)
7. Isaac Hussien (E)
8. Tony Moore (J)
9. Neville Meade (J)
10. Maule Haumona (T)

WELTERWEIGHT

Champion
Clyde Gray (C)
1. John H. Stracey (E-
2. Eddie Blay (G)
3. Henry Rhiney (J)
4. Pat Thomas (J)
5. Ayub Kalule (Uganda)
6. Trevor Francis (J)
7. Steve Dennis (A)
8. Billy Waith (W)
9. Peter Morris (E)
10. Terry Petersen (E)

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT

Champion
Tony Mundine (A)
1. John Conteh (E)
2. Tim Wood (E)
3. Bunny Johnson (J)
4. Victor Attivor (G)
5. Phil Martin (E)
6. Steve Aczel (A)
7. Gary Summerhays (C)
8. Baby Boy Rolle)J)
9. Joe Vella (A)
10. Al Gattling (A)

LIGHT-WELTERWEIGHT

Champion
Hector Thompson (A)
1. Martin Beni (Pap)
2. Dave Green (E)
3. Ali Afakasi (Nz)
4. Des Morrison (J)
5. Ross Eadie (A)
6. Gaeton Hart (C)
7. Herbie McLean (S)
8. Chris Walker (E)
9. Kerry Bell (A)
10. Billy Mulholland (A)

BANTAMWEIGHT

Champion
Sulley Shittu (G)
1. Paul Ferreri (A)
2. Paddy Maguire (I)
3. Brian Roberts (A)
4. Wayne Evans (E)
5. Paddy Graham (I)
6. Guinea Hillier (A)
7. Steve Walker (A)
8. John Kellie (S)
9. Johnny Owen (W)
10. Charlie Parvin (S)

MIDDLEWEIGHT

Champion
Monty Betham (NZ)
1. Alan Minter (E)
2. Kevin Finnegan (E)
3. Bunny Sterling (J)
4. Fernand Marcotte (C)
5. Carlos Marsk (Tr)
6. Julius Luipa (Zam)
7. Daniel Levesque (C)
8. Semi Bula (A)
9. Jean-Claud Leclair (C)
10. Bill Knight (SK)

LIGHTWEIGHT

Champion
Jonathan Dele (N)
1. Jim Watt (S)
2. Barry Michael (A)
3. Andy Broome (A)
4. Lachie Austin (A)
5. Matt Ropis (A)
6. Charlie Nash (I)
7. Colin Powers (E)
8. Len Blackmore (Guy)
9. Fitzroy Giuseppe (Tr)
10. Percy Hayles (J)

FLYWEIGHT

Champion
Patrick Mambwe (Zam)
1. John McCluskey (S)
2. Charlie Brown (A)
3. Steve Bella (A)

LIGHT-MIDDLEWEIGHT

Champion
Maurice Hope (Ant)
1. Elisha Obed (Bah)
2. Rocky Mattioli (A)
3. Johnny Holt (A)
4. Neil Pattel (A)
5. Wally Carr (A)
6. Daviano Pellegrini (C)
7. Jimmy Batten (E)
8. Larry Paul (E)
9. Joe Keresi (Suva)
10. Albert Hillman (E)

FEATHERWEIGHT

Champion
Vacant
1. David Kotey (G)
2. Art Hafey (C)
3. Vernon Sollar (S)
4. Merv Wockner (A)
5. Alan Richardson (E)
6. Dave Needham (E)
7. Tommy Glencross (S)
8. Eddie Ndukwu (N)
9. Gerry Duffy (S)
10. Les Pickett (W)

Billy Moeller (A) is the Junior lightweight champion. There is no official contender at present.

WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

HEAVYWEIGHTS

George Foreman kayoed Pedro Agosto, 4.
Johnny Boudreaux won from Scott LeDoux, 8.
Bernardo Mercado stopped King Solomon, 1.
Jim Beattie kayoed Ernie Smith, 3.
Bob Hazelton stopped Shotgun Fowler, 1.
Horace Robinson beat Jerry Tompkins, 10.
Leroy Jones halted Cookie Wallace, 9.
Stan Ward beat Jody Ballard, 10.
Jose Roman beat Ibar Arrington, 10, kayoed James Anthony, 4.
Karl Ludecke stopped Bernard August, 2.
Larry Holmes beat Tom Prater, 8.
Ibar Arrington kayoed Bill Jackson, 3.
Tommy Evans stopped Don Rucker, 2.
Bill Sharkey halted Bob Mashburn, 4.
Marty Monroe kayoed C. J. Bar Brown, 1.
Pedro Soto won from Brian O'Melia, 10.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Ray Elson halted Biff Cline, 4.
John Townsend kayoed John Words, 4.
Roy Dale stopped Glenn Morgan, 10.
Tommy Sullivan halted Keith Newman, 1.
Aldo Traversaro kayoed Onelle Grando, 5.
Lou Benson kayoed Bobby Wirt, 4.
Bobby Cassidy decisioned Willie Taylor, 8.
Mario Rosa stopped Bob Smith, 5.
Ernie Pope halted Ali Morton, 4.
Francisco Fiol kayoed Lalo Kakolewicz, 9.
Leon Spinks halted Bob Smith.
Eddie Gregory kayoed John Wilburn, 3.
Eddie Davis beat Jose Elias, 8.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Mike Colbert beat Jackie Smith, 8.
Casey Gacic outpointed Leo Saenz, 8, James Parks, 10.
Mickey Banks stopped Dennis Haggerty, 2.
Roy Barrientos halted Pete Knight, 4.
Larry Brasier beat Wayne Lewis, 4.
Bobby Watts outpointed Reggie Ford, 10.
Alan Minter kayoed Germano Valsecchi, 5, E.B.U. middleweight title.
James Williams kayoed Willie Baldwin, 6.
Rudy Cruz beat Joe Gonzales, 10.
Ralph Palladin decisioned Angel Robinson Garcia, 10.
Jimmy Savage stopped Frank Kolovart, 4.
Willie Classin kayoed Jose Anglada, 1.
Gary Guiden stopped Sammy NeSmith, 3.
Bennie Briscoe outpointed Karl Vinson, 10.
Tom McMinn kayoed Barry Smith, 3.
Erwin Williams stopped Roger Buckskin, 7.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Emile Griffith beat Christy Elliott, 10.
John Sullivan kayoed Freddie Larna, 6, Las Vegas, 3.
Daryl Penn kayoed John L. Sullivan, 2.
Rocky Mattioli halted Trevor Francis, 5.
Gene Wells lost to Edgar Wallace, 10.
Edgar Ross halted Vicente Medina, 6.
Russel Pope stopped Ken Sheppard, 3.
Elisha Obed decisioned Fernand Marcotte, 10.
Daryl Lampkin lost to Dan Synder, 6.
Billy Duquette outpointed Ricky Bugress, 10.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Johnny Gant kayoed Anthony House, 2.
Carlos Palomino stopped Armando Muniz, 15, retained World Welterweight title.
Clyde Gray defeated Rafael Rodriguez, 10.
Pete Ranzany halted Abel Cordoba, 7.
Randy Shields defeated Juan Cantres, 8.
Reuben Lopez kayoed Tom Mitse, 3, beat Moses Robinson, 4.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Shensak Muangsurin stopped Monroe Brooks, 15, W.B.C. junior welterweight title.
Ray Leonard beat Luis Vega, 6.
Guerrero Chavez halted Al Franklin, 3.
Charlie Nash stopped Donnie Sennett, 5.
Wilfredo Benitez drew with Harold Weston, 10, non-title.

LIGHTWEIGHT

Edwin Viruet stopped Tommy Rose, 4.
Roberto Duran halted Vilomar Fernandez, 13, retained world lightweight title.
Esteban DeJesus kayoed Buzzsaw Yamabe, 6, W.B.C. lightweight title.
Joe Medrano beat Jimmy Martinez, 8.
Curtis Ramsey beat Vicente Hernandez, 6, drew with Horaco Stulford, 6.
Johnny Sullivan outpointed Pat Dolan, 8.
Aaron Pryor stopped Larry Moore, 3.
Johnny Copeland halted Robert Tigerina, 5.
Gilberto Galvan kayoed Basilio Guajardo, 6.
Rosendo Ramon beat Blackie Zamora, 12.
Larry Stanton beat John Copeland, 10.
Lou Bizzarro defeated Dom Monaco, 10.
Howard Davis beat Jose Resto, 6.
Ruby Ortiz stopped Leo DiFiore, 2.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT

Samuel Serrano kayoed Alberto Herrera, 11, world junior lightweight title.
Roy Hernandez halted Ricky Ramos, 4.
Ronnie McGarvey stopped Ray Carrington, 4.
Frank Baltazar outpointed Memin Vega, 10.
Jerome Artis beat Jose Fernandez, 10.
Bobby Chacon halted Julio Leal, 7.

FEATHERWEIGHT

Richard Rozelle beat David Vasquez, 8.
Yum Dong-Kyun decisioned Jose Cervantes, 15, W.B.C. super-bantam title.
Roberto Quintanilla stopped Bobby Flores, 6.
Walter Seeley beat Hilbert Stevenson, 8.
Kid Chocolate outpointed Socrates Batoto, 10.
Mike Ayala beat Cesar Desciga, 10.
Rodolfo Francis kayoed Vicente Blanco, 2.
Reynaldo Hidalgo stopped Leo Cruz, 6.
Rafael Ortega beat Francisco Coronado, 15, W.B.A. featherweight title.

BANTAMWEIGHT

Carlos Zarate stopped Fernando Cabanela, 3, W.B.C. bantamweight title.
Gaby Cantera halted Gerardo Heredia, 4.
Manuel Rodriguez stopped Sergio Reyes, 4.
Gilberto Illueca beat Jose Pena, 10.

FLYWEIGHT

Albert Sandoval beat Frankie Granados, 10.
Jose Garcia kayoed Ernesto Rodriguez, 4.
Alfonso Lopez outpointed Alex Santana, 10.
Cesar Kee beat Carlos Alcivar, 10.
Yoko Gushiken outpointed Jaime Rios, 15, W.B.A. junior flyweight title.
Gutty Espadas halted Jiro Takada, 7, W.B.A. flyweight title.

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EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW: EARNIE SHAVERS

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elegant suits especially designed for him by a tailor in Ohio. "I love to dress up in these groovy duds," said Earnie, "but I must admit my favorite outfits are plain comfortable blue jeans and T-shirts. However, my manager tells me; "You're gonna be a king in the ring, so you should dress like one!"

Earnie's elegant tastes belie his humble background, which he disclosed at length. Earnie Shavers was born in Alabama to a family of 9 brothers and sisters.

"In a family of 10," he declared, "I had to be tough just to eat." Without rancor, Earnie disclosed that "just to eat" he picked cotton at the tender age of 5.

Shortly after this the Shavers family—seeking a better life—moved to Warren, Ohio, which Earnie considers his home town.

"I was raised on a farm," states Shavers. "We never starved, but we never had any luxuries either."

"And," he grinned, "I've gotten used to the luxuries that boxing has brought me."

Among these luxuries are a palatial new home in Ohio, a new silver Rolls-Royce with license plates that read "Round 1" and the above mentioned wardrobe of elegant clothes.

A wife and five daughters are Earnie's impetus for the big money business of boxing. "I want the best for my family," confided the fighter. "And the more money I make, the more I can give them. Right now life is pretty good. I don't even have to talk about a fight that pays under $50,000."

In contrast to Shavers, with his mild manners and gracious charm, are his blustering manager, "Blackie" Gennaro, and his talkative trainer, Frank Luca. Luca does most of the talking for Shavers—completely monopolizing a press conference—and introduces his protege as "the next heavyweight champion of the world."

"We'll pay Ali's wife her two million dollars if he'll give us a shot at the title," shouts Frank.

Gennaro is intensely upset because Shavers' name does not appear among the top ten ratings in RING, but Earnie's answer is, "Man, they can drop me from the top 50 if they want to—as long as I make the money. Being rated used to turn me on, but no more.

"In fact, I found out you have to harden yourself and not let anything upset you, because when you get frustrated, you can't fight."

Shavers went on. "I fought as an amateur for two and a half years. And I've fought professionally for seven. From the minute I stuck my head in a gym, I've known that this was what I wanted—and this was where the money was. When I get in the ring I feel like I'm at home!"

Earnie admits that he's a poor gym fighter—and, for this reason, most of his training sessions are closed to the public. "I have to hold back," he explains, "because I hit so hard I've hurt a lot of my sparring partners.

"In fact," he went on, "I hit so hard I've had trouble getting fights. I'd like to fight George Foreman, but I understand he turned down a fight with me in Las Vegas.

"But I'll fight anybody who'll fight me. After all—I have a wife and five daughters to support. Boy—do you know how expensive it is to raise girls? It costs a lot more than raising boys."

Shavers' oldest daughter, who is 11, is an avid fight fan, and according to her father, gets as emotionally upset as he does if he loses a fight.

"Every fight is important," declared Earnie. "When you blow a fight it takes you about a year to get back from it."

He continued, "I've been burned in this game, but I've learned my lesson. I used to be friendly in the ring. I'd hurt a guy and let him off the hook. But no more! That's not the way to win at this game.

"I admit I get nervous an hour or two before a fight, but up until then everything is cool and under control. I train very hard and I have nothing to do with women for two months before a fight. My whole training program is strictly controlled."

With his shaved head and his curling moustache Shavers looks like a black Genghis Khan. His macho features and superb physique make him a magent for women of all ages and all races.

"Every athlete is a magnet for women," states Shavers modestly. . ."You just have to know how to handle yourself. I always remember my wife and my five daughters are the important women in my life."

This, then, is Earnie Shavers who, at age 32, is one of the kindest, yet one of the toughest heavyweights in the brilliant sport of boxing. Earnie Shavers who—like all other top contenders—has his eye on just one goal: the heavyweight championship of the world!

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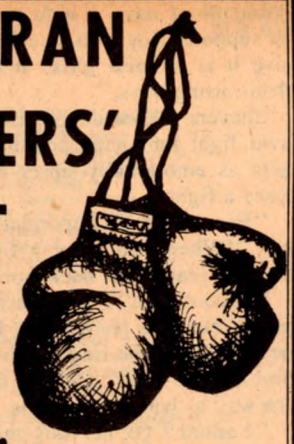

By Harry Warren

He was particularly happy about winning the title at the Dyckman Oval in 1935, and he again recaptured the title when he defeated Georgie Pace in the New York Coliseum in 1940. Salica fought and lost his title to Manual Ortiz. It was an unusual case of fighting for the United Services Organisation, to present boxing to a war hungry and tired serviceman, so it was a 12 rounder and for $6,000. Due to the California law the champion lost the decision and his title. His last pro bout was with Harry Jeffra, one-time bantam and featherweight king.

Lou Salica is a family man. He and wife Grace are parents of three children: Janet, John and Louis Jr., and are proud grandparents. Lou is a member of VBA, Ring #8 of N.Y. and Paul Berlenbach's Ring #21 of Brooklyn, plus he is an honorary member of Hank Kaplan's VBA, Ring #31 of South Florida.

Willie Pep, the "Will of the Wisp," who had 65 amateur bouts and 248 pro fights, recalls the time he fought Sugar Ray Robinson. Yes—that's right, the great "Sugar" himself. This is how it happened.

Willie was flyweight champion of Connecticut and Ray was the featherweight Golden Glove champion. At that time Sugar Ray was only known as Ray Roberts and you can bet it was a great scrap. Willie is now a top executive with the Connecticut State Athletic Division and also referees out of town.

Carmen Basilio, the former welter and middleweight king, keeps in good shape as physical education director at the LeMoyne College in Syracuse, N.Y. He is also involved with public relations for the Genesee Brewing Co.

Carl J. Delberta, executive director of the Oneonta Boys Club, Inc., of Oneonta, New York, with over 700 boys to care for, does the job pretty well. He was a policeman for several years in that town, and the residents also remember him better as Carl Dell, a better than average welterweight. He was managed by Al Weill from 1937 to 1941. Carl is happily married and has two grown children.

Tony Tufo, a former featherweight, who was raised in the 39th Street and 10th Avenue section of Hells Kitchen, in New York, and was managed by the late Charley Goldman, owns a construction business at Saratoga Springs, New York.

It was like a parade of who's who in boxing of yesteryear. Historians were beaming with great pleasure for these ancient noblemen of memorabelia. It was their day. The boxing greats paraded majestically and paid tribute to one of their own. Mushy Callahan, Jimmy McLarnin, Lou Nova, Joe Shannon, Ceferino Garcia, Hardboiled Haggerty of wrestling fame, Billy (the Count) Varga were all there, and were the real heroes of the grapplers', the greatest woman wrestler, Mildred Burke, with her wrestling companion Frankie Garcia. The ceremony was to induct Ceferino Garcia, the first notable Filipino fighter and former lightweight champion. It was a ceremony offered by The International Shrine for Boxing and Wrestling, and the induction was performed by Marshall Wright, executive director of the Shrine.

Everett Sanders, 82, honorary chairman of the Shrine and one of the first members of the California Boxing Commission, which was formed 2-years after Garcia fought for the crown. His message to the large attendance at the Cockatoo Inn in Hawthorne to honor the great boxer, was that by all the rules of the game, Garcia was a champion. When questioned, Marshall Wright said, "Sanders is the Dean of California boxing commissions, and while we are strict about giving awards only to official world champions, there is no doubt that Garcia was, and is, a champion, a living legend."

Garcia, 77, with his wife Elsie at his side, gave a tearful speech of thanks. Wright continued, "The Shrine is, in a real sense, racing against time to honor boxers and wrestlers who made their marks decades ago, but were overshadowed by the more famous names, particularly heavyweights like Jack Dempsey, John L. Sullivan, and Joe Louis. We are trying to honor them in their lifetimes, and every year, two or three former great boxing or wrestling champions die without recognition. Some are too ill to attend ceremonies and our rules are strict, they must attend in person. We may have to bend the rule a bit with such former greats as Fidel LaBarba, the aged flyweight champion, who, although living in Los Angeles, is too ill to make it to the ceremony."

Editor's Note.

He captured the lightweight title in 1922, when he entered and won a tournament to replace Johnny Kilbane, who had retired, but immediately after Garcia had "won" the title, Kilbane came out of retirement and lost his title to Frenchman Eugene Criqui, a journeyman fighter, but extremely popular because of his wartime experiences. Garcia was refused a chance to fight the Frenchman. Unfortunately, boxing commissions were not in existence at the time, otherwise Garcia would surely have been upheld as champion.

Former tough welterweight Freddie Cabriel is working with the Cambridge, Massachusetts, Recreation Department. . . .Former middleweight king Freddie Steele owns and operates a restaurant in Seattle, Washington. . . .Terry Downs, former middleweight champion of the world, doesn't need to work again, he is a millionaire. Investments in betting parlors in London, plus a London public house, keep him in clover. . . .Last time I saw Allie Stolz, the New Jersey crackerjack lightweight of the 40-50's, he was doing very well as a construction company boss in New Jersey. . . .Boston Blackie, the former Nassau heavyweight, keeps himself in shape as a racing cyclist. . .Newsboy Joe Garvras, a classy lightweight in the 1930's, owner of the Action Fireworks Company in California, still jogs to keep fit. The Nebraska Highway Patrol is mighty proud of one of its members, former heavyweight Billy Smith. . . .Ex-middleweight turned lawyer, and very successful, is Jerry Turner, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. . . .Former featherweight of note is Paul Jorgenson, of Texas. He is a beer distributer for Lone Star at Port Arthur.

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ROUND TWO: CHAMPIONSHIPS

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U.S. Championship Series is a "needed shot in the arm for boxing and gives some long overdue limelight to unheralded boxers in the lighter classifications." Nat Loubet's reserved dignified demeanor was in sharp contrast to the carnival atmosphere surrounding the entire program.

At ringside, a familiar figure with George Foreman to his right carefully adjusted his headset and droned, "Hello again everyone—this is Howard Cosell reporting live . . . ."

As the day's program of six bouts proceeded—three technical knockouts and one highly controversial decision enraptured the guests. In the wind-up heavyweight clash, Johnny Boudreaux won an unpopular unanimous decision from Scott LeDoux. Referee Joe Bunsa of Washington voted 3 rounds for Boudreaux, two for LeDoux and 3 even. Judge Harold Valan of New York had it 5-3 Boudreaux and woman judge Carol Polis of Philadelphia voted 4-3 with one round even and a clean sweep.

The capacity crowd and many in the writing fraternity, including this writer, thought LeDoux won the fight. This was not the first time in boxing annals when the crowd and the press disagreed with the assembled boxing officials. For the record, the Boudreaux-LeDoux disco dance looked much slower when compared to the dynamite punching affairs on the undercard of the crowd pleasing show.

LeDoux wildly protested the decision attacking Boudreaux who was on camera with ABC-TV. It was a regrettable reaction by loser LeDoux who later apologized for his temper tantrum to Howard Cosell, but continued to charge that Boudreaux was in "Don King's camp."

Cosell replied, "It will be difficult, if not impossible, to substantiate those charges."

King denied the allegations and said this is precisely the reason the officials are drawn from various parts of the country to insure an impartial decision. Many claimed the post fight brawl in the press secion was better than the main event.

In the light heavyweight contest, unbeaten Biff Cline, a former Washington policeman was stopped in a TKO by Ray Elson of Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1 minute 48 seconds of the fourth round. Elson credited his victory to the "shake and bake" style developed while training at Coney Island.

Leo Saenz of Potomac, Maryland, was beaten by Casey Gasic of Cleveland in a wild middleweight contest. Saenz dropped Gasic 3 times, but Gasic was awarded a unanimous decision by roaring back in the final rounds.

Welterweight Johnny Gant, now under new management with Angelo Dundee, suddenly knocked out Anthony House. The lights went out at 1:43 of the second round.

New York lightweight Edwin Viruet recorded a fourth round TKO over Tommy Rose. The classy Puerto Rican from the Big Apple stunned Rose early with a left hook and the referee later halted the bout at 2:49 in the fourth round.

The featherweight class opened the card featuring Richard Rozelle at 123¾ pounds and former Olympic boxer Davey "Baby" Vasquez. Unbeaten Rozelle gained a unanimous decision, while Vasquez now has record of 17-9.

LEONARD COPS NOD OVER VEGA

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up some of the young local talent. The guess here is that after the TV dates are finished, local boxing will muddle along, drawing tiny gates to watch fighters virtually unknown to the general public. I hope I am proved dead wrong about this . . . but the situation does not look healthy.

Also appearing on the Baltimore show with Leonard were two Washington fighters, Jr. middleweight Ralph Palladin, of Lanham, and Jr. lightweight Ronnie McGarvey, of Adelphi. Palladin pounded out a 10-round decision over veteran Angel Robinson Garcia, while McGarvey scored a seventh-round knockout over Ray Carrington.

THE TRUTH ABOUT WILFREDO BENITEZ

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nitez, junior welter champ, and Roberto Duran, the lightweight champion, neither risking his title under the terms.

Teddy has two tough customers this time. In addition to Gregorio, he has to think of Carlos Eleta, manager of Duran.

There's an interesting story concerning Eleta, a substantial citizen, and Brenner. It goes way back in Duran's career.

Roberto had been scheduled for a Garden bout with Estaban DeJesus, current WBC lightweight champion, but shortly before the fight Duran came down with illness.

Eleta asked for a postponement.

"Don't worry," said Brenner, "Duran can lick this sucker getting out of a sick bed."

Which is just what he did to face a highly formidable foe. He lost the decision.

Eleta never has forgotten it. Will that old feud keep this match from being made?

DEJESUS KO'S YAMABE

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would be for all the marbles: the W.B.A. king against the W.B.C. champion. Promoter Don King hopes to put on this show sometime this spring in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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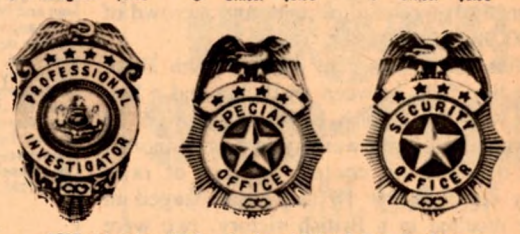

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ACTION IN EUROPE

By JACK A. TREE

MINTER IS EURO MIDDLE KING

BERLIN — ALAN MINTER became the first Briton to win the European middleweight crown in Italy when he ko'ed champion Germano Valsecchi in Milan. Minter is now Britain's third European champion, and with over four hundred professional fighters including world class men like heavyweight Joe Bugner, WBC light heavy champion John Conteh and former WBC welterweight champion John H. Stracey, Britain rules the fight game on this side of the ocean. Bugner recently lost his European heavyweight crown without a fight. The EBU took action when Joe, with an injured hand, failed to give a date for his defense against Spaniard Jose Manuel Urtain. Maurice Hope, the European junior middleweight champion, has a date with WBC champion Eckhard Dagge, while Dave Green holds the junior welterweight crown.

Alan Minter flattened Valsecchi with eleven seconds to go in round five with a left hook. The Italian made little movement for almost three minutes after hitting the canvas and later claimed that he'd never received such a pounding in his professional career. Valsecchi took a compulsory count of eight in the second round.

Minter has plenty of attractive offers now, and a bout with world champion, Carlos Monzon could take place next year. Any immediate plans for a Minter-Monzon title fight should be forgotten. Monzon is not yet ready for taking.

Minter took hard blows from Valsecchi in rounds three and five, but the Briton was never in any real trouble: Herbert Tomser, Germany, was the third man, and a crowd of 10,000 filled the venue.

Minter vs. Valsecchi was the 49th European title-fight between an Italian and a Briton, with the British boys having won 25 and lost 21. Two were drawn and another was declared no contest because of rain. Only eight of the 18 title-bouts staged in Italy resulted in a British victory, two were drawn and one declared no contest. Minter is only the seventh British boxer to win a European title fight in Italy. Other Britons were heavyweights Henry Cooper and Joe Bugner, junior middleweight Maurice Hope, lightweight Dave Charnley and Ken Buchanan, featherweight Howard Winstone. Minter is the first to score in Milan. Chic Calderwood's bout with Piero del Papa at Lignano was declared no contest when rain fell in the sixth. Walter McGovan and Peter Waterman drew with Italians Tommaso Galli and Elio Marconi in Rome.

Minter is the tenth British boxer to win the European middleweight crown following in the footsteps of Gus Platts, Johnny Basham and Ted Kid Lewis 1921, Roland Todd 1923, Tommy Milligan 1925, Randy Turpin 1925, John McCormack 1961, Kevin Finnegan 1974, Bunny Sterling 1976 and now Minter 1977.

Germano Vasecchi won the European middleweight crown outscoring Angelo Jacopucci on October 2 last year and made a successful defense against Paul Knudsen in November 1976 before losing to Minter.

The Minter-Valsecchi bout was the 89th European middleweight championship contest since George Carpentier was crowned in 1912. It was Milan's 13th European middleweight title contest and Minter is the division's 40th champion. Britain provided ten and Italy nine.

Southpaw Minter (25) who won a bronze medal at the Munich Olympics, has now won 27 of his 32 fights with 17 finishing inside the distance. He is the first Briton to win the European middleweight title in Italy. Valsecchi (28) has had 47 fights winning 40, losing six and drawing one.

GERMANY

▲**Kiel** — Middleweight. Rene Zeller beat Hans Heukeshoven, KO2. Middleweight. Mehmet Besli drew his four rounder with Giampaolo Piras.

▲**Bremen** — Promoter, Peter Michalski gave Bremen its first show for twelve years and was rewarded with a crowd of over 3000. Top of the bill was the 80th German middleweight title fight featuring champion Frank Reiche and challenger Peter Scheibner. Reiche, after being decked, got off the canvas and finally koed his challenger in the ninth.

Heavyweight champion Kurt Ludecke, who won the title only sixteen days ago, was surprisingly koed in round two by Kilani Romdani, Tunis. Light heavyweight. Jean Pierre Emmerich, Germany, outscored Nemeth Cacal over six rounds. Heavyweight. Arno Prick, Germany, and Pedro Samson drew their six rounder. Light heavyweight. Louis Pergaud Ngatchou beat German Klaus Peter Tombers, KO3. Middleweight. Rene Zeller beat fellow German, Joachim Trautwein, KO2. Heavyweight. Georg Butzbach beat Fellow countryman, Detlev Naseband, KO1. The Reiche-Scheibner bout cost Peter Michalski DM 12,000.

DENMARK

▲**Copenhagen** — A crowd of over 2500 saw promoter Mogens Palle's show at Idraetshset. Topping the bill was the Danish based Ugandan, Ayub Kalule, who beat Italian junior middleweight champion Damiano Lassandro, the latter retiring with a cut eye in the third.

Welterweight. Jorgen Hansen, Denmark, was beaten in the fourth by Frank Albertus, Curacao. Junior welterweight. Hans Henrik Palm beat Turk, Etem Oezakalin when a clash of heads cut both boxers in eyebrows in the opening round. Officials considered that Oezakalin's laceration was worse than Palm's.

FRANCE

▲**Dunkirk** — Junior welterweight. Joe Kimpuani beat Benny Huertas, KO2. Junior middleweight. Guy Vercoutter decisioned Daniel Martin, eight. Junior welterweight. Dan M'Putu beat Jean Michel Vantourex the towel being thrown in during round six.

▲**Marseilles** — Michele Siracusa won the vacant French featherweight title beating Michel Lefebvre, KO7. Lightweight. Franco Soro beat Michel Guiot, TKO4.

▲**Chantilly** — Light heavyweight. Robert Amory beat Tony Allen, KO4. Middleweight. Eric Kopec beat Kante Nagui, TKO2. Nemours dec 10th. Welterweight. Alain Salmon and Dominque Cella drew their eight rounder. Junior lightweight. Christian Valentin outpointed Adile, six.

▲**Tourcoing** — Bantamweight. Georges Lietar outscored Jose Altivo, six.

▲**Paris** — Welterweight. Claude Lormeau beat Antonio Oke, TKO 6. Junior middleweight. Gilbert Cohen outscored Tiger Quaye, eight.

▲**Sedan** — Light heavyweight. Gerald Bois beat Centa, TKO 5.

▲**St. Amand** — Lightweight. Bechir Bountka outscored Jean Claude Sider, eight.

▲**Bastia** — Featherweight. Gabriel Lamperti and Alessandro Nardi drew their eight rounder.

▲**Nice** — Featherweight. Aldofo Osses outscored Albert Amatler, ten rounds.

▲**Rouen** — Former European bantamweight champion Daniel Trioulaire, France, lost to Jacky Bihin, TKO 9, for the vacant French bantamweight title.

▲**Paris** — Jules Bellaiche beat Jean Mateo, who was disqualified for throwing a left hook to the chin after the bell had closed the opening round.

▲**Dunkirk** — Junior welterweight. Joe Kimpuani, Zaire, outscored Italian Efisio Pinna over ten rounds.

▲**Porigueux** — Joel Bonnetaz retained his French junior middleweight title outscoring Michel Chapier over twelve rounds. Chapier had difficulty in making the weight.

▲**Conde Sur Escaut** — Light heavyweight. Michel Dylibaitys beat Yannick Dufour in two rounds.

▲**Chartres** — Britain's Colin Powers, lightweight, beat French junior welterweight, Claude Lormeau, in five rounds.

▲**St Malo** — Welterweight. Claude Martin outpointed, Briton Mickey Ryce, ten.

▲**Paris** — Welterweight. Gilbert Cohen, France, beat Briton Kevin White on points over eight rounds. Middle. Jean Warusfel, France, outscored Oscar Anges, Britain, eight. Carlos Foldes, Venezuela, outscored Briton Tommy Dunn, eight.

VIENNA

▲**Vienna** — Junior middleweight. Josef Pachler beat Regis Yapende, the towel being thrown in during the seventh. Helmut Stary beat Franz Hohl, KO 3.

HOLLAND

▲**Amsterdam** — Aadrie Huussen decisioned Horst Brinkmeier, eight. Light heavyweight. Sjoerd Tuininga outscored Dusan Kukic, eight.

SPAIN

▲**Mataro** — Junior lightweight. Antonio Guinaldo beat Fernando Bermejo, TKO 6. Featherweight. Antonio Rubio beat Francis Artigao, KO 5.

▲**Santander** — Junior lightweight. Cecilio Lastra beat Renzo Battistelli, TKO 1. Featherweight. Gitano Jiminez and Guy Caudron drew their eight rounder. Bantamweight. Pedro Molledo outpointed Garcia del Moral, eight.

▲**Bilbao** — Heavyweight. Lucien Rodriguez beat Jose Galvez, TKO 1. Welterweight. Paperito decisioned Fernando Perez, eight. Bantamweight. Pedro Molledo outscored Angel Oliver, eight. Junior lightweight. Reinoso decisioned Alcala Cruz, eight.

▲**Mataro** — Junior lightweight. Antonio Guknaldo outscored Francisco Santaengracia, eight. Featherweight. Francisco Garcia Cazorla Zaragata beat Jose Salvado, TKO 3. Welterweight. Raul Anon beat Jose Cantabfana, TKO 2. Bantamweight. Pedro Robles and Luis Cabezas drew their six rounder.

▲**San Sebastian** — Welterweight. Toni Ortiz beat Tekyla Rodri, KO 2. Light heavyweight. Jose Ignacio Iniguez beat Manuel Carraceles, KO 4. Flyweight. Manuel Carrasco outscored Manolo Garcia, eight.

▲**Bilbao** — Heavyweight. Lorenzo Zano, outscored Alfredo Evangelista, Urguay, over eight rounds.

BELGIUM

▲**Bruges** — Lightweight. Fernand Roelands decisioned Giancarlo Barabotti, eight. Welterweight. Fredo Roelands and Remo Costa drew their eight rounder. Middleweight. Michel

Caron outscored Armando Lea, six.

▲**Wilruk** — Junior welterweight. Jean Pierre Luzolanu and Filippo Rocchi drew their six rounder.

▲**La Louviere** — Pol Payen decisioned Eric Seys, six.

▲**Verviers** — Middleweight. Michele Stini outscored Francis Vermandere, TKO 4.

▲**Schoonaarde** — Featherweight. Jean Pierre Meganck outscored Mohamed Knani, six.

▲**Molenbeck** — Featherweight. Georges Lietar outscored Angelo D'Aleo, six. Welterweight. Ringo beat Wolfgang Lueger, TKO 3. Junior middleweight. Giovanni DeVita beat Alain DeMeyere, TKO 4.

▲**Brussels** — Heavyweight. A crowd of nearly six thousand saw their local matador, Jean Pierre Coopman, outpointed by Frenchman Lucien Rodriguez over ten rounds. Belgium referee, Jean Deswert, and the two judges scored in favor of the Frenchman giving him an advantage of 8, 4 and 2 points, respectively. Rodriguez, a brilliant counter-puncher, never let Coopman get on top and scored with lefts and rights before the Belgian could get away after trying to land.

▲**Izegem** — Heavyweight. Jean Pierre Coopman outscored Neville Meade, ten. Welterweight. Dirk Declerk beat Michael Copp, who was disqualified in round four. Lightweight. Messaoud Bouachiba beat Fernand Roelands, TKO 3. Middleweight. Leandre Pante and Guido Beuselinck drew their six rounder.

ITALY

▲**Falconara** — Welterweight. Giuseppe Martinese outscored Ernesto Bergamesco, ten. Lightweight. Fulvio Giacomini outscored Gregorio Ciancaglione, eight.

▲**Figline** — Bantamweight. Romano Mugnai beat Alvaro Checche, who was disqualified in the third. Light heavyweight Pietropaolo Capezzone and Giogio Valeri drew their six rounder.

▲**Monfalcone** — Featherweight. Abass Macauley outscored Franco Benes, six.

▲**Avellino** — Junior welterweight. Carmine Vollo beat Valerio Frasca, who was disqualified in round six.

▲**Milan** — Vincenzo Burgio held on to his Italian light weight title outscoring Antonio Puddu, twelve. Heavyweight. Alfio Righetti decisioned Bepi Ros, eight. Middleweight. Gerard Nosley beat Norberto Cabrera who retired with a cut eye in round two. Junior welterweight. Ceferino Morales outscored Domenico Monaco, eight. Batiste Merlo decisioned Giuseppe Minotti, eight.

▲**Faenza** — Italo-Australian, Rocky Mattioli, beat Britain, Trevor Francis, the latter having to retire in the sixth with a cut and swollen left eye. Francis claimed he was thumbed in the eye during round five. Mattioli beat Francis in eight rounds back in 1973.

▲**Norava** — Bantamweight. Giuseppe Fossati outscored Taracisio Boi, six. Junior welterweight. Giuseppe Corbo outpointed Francesco Gallo, six.

▲**Gallarate** — Welterweight. Luciano Navarra beat Domenco Milone, who retired with a cut eye in round two.

▲**Sierre** — Guido Galletti outscored Reynald Iten, six.

▲**Civitvecchia** — Flyweight. Sante Medici outscored Giuseppe Luciano, six. Middleweight. Luciano Sordini outscored Salvatore Russo, six.

▲**Rimini** — Welterweight. Pierangelo Pira decisioned Angelo Tomasini, six.

▲**Milan** — Germano Valsecchi, Italy, lost his European middleweight title to Briton Alan Minter, being ko'ed in round five. Former middleweight champion of Europe, Angelo Jacoppucci, outscored French southpaw Gerard Nosley, eight. Middleweight. Matteo Salvemini, Italy, beat Mushapata Kabangue, KO 5.

SWITZERLAND

▲**Geneva** — Walter Blaser who has not fought for nearly two years, beat Spaniard, Manuel Alcala, TKO 5.

NORWAY

▲**Oslo** — Lightweight. Svein Erik Paulsen and George Turpin drew their ten rounder. Light heavyweight. Harald Skog beat Victor Attivor, TKO 6. Heavyweight Neville Read beat Bjorn Rudi, TKO 7. Welterweight. Tiger Quaye beat Kristian Hoydahl, TKO 4. Lightweight. Omar Sahli making his professional debut decisioned Boualem Belouard, four.

BACKUS DECISIONS ORTIZ

By JIM LEO

SYRACUSE — Former worlds welterweight champion Billy Backus, 148, Canastota, N.Y., remained on the winning path as he unanimously decisioned Justice Ortiz, 146, of Brooklyn, N.Y., in the 10 round feature bout here at the War Memorial Auditorium. Ortiz, was content to box and move against the strong ex-champion, while Billy scored with hard blows whenever he was able to trap his moving foe. Ortiz showed a nasty mouse over his right eye in the closing rounds. Backus was just too tough an assignment for the Brooklyn Boxer.

For Backus, it was his seventh straight. Manager Tony Graziano and Billy now have their sights set on the upcoming television tourneys and perhaps another chance at the welterweight championship. The fight was scored 9-1, 8-2, and 7-21-1 for Backus.

In an eight rounder, **Greg Sorrentino, 197½,** was a unanimous decision winner over **Hernando Mollyneaux, 188,** of New York City. Sorrentino was the aggressor against his skillful foe. Greg is now 7-1-1, on the professional scene.

In a scheduled six rounder, **John D'Amore, 179,** Rome's fighting bartender, who has found new life, stopped **Jerome Gardner, 180,** New York, at 2:28 of the opening round. D'Amore, after taking his opponents best, lowered the boom on Gardner. The referee halted the scrap as Gardner arose dazed from the first round knockdown. D'Amore has won his last six out of seven.

In the opening six rounder, **Hubie Jackson, 148½,** Newark, N.J., took the measure of **Frank Duck, 151,** Syracuse, in a hard hitting battle stopped in the third round. The referee, Joe Santarpia, halted it at 27 seconds into the third with Duck absorbing punishment.

Over 2000 fans attended the Canastota Boxing Club promotion in Syracuse.

▲ **ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Willie "The Worm" Monroe, 161,** formerly of Rochester, now residing in Philadelphia, returned back to his former hometown to headline their second professional boxing show. Monroe again came out the winner, this time stopping **Lenny Harden, 161,** Rahway, N.J., at 2:54 of the third round in the 10 round feature. Monroe, showing a sharp left hand, dropped Harden in each of the rounds before Referee Jimmy Davlin signaled it over in the third. Montore, highly ranked middleweight, seems very well appreciated in Rochester.

In the eight round semi, **Mike Kornacki, 200,** Monroe's stablemate, was given some trouble by tough New Yorker **Johnny Warr, 197,** as Kornacki gained the decision. It was a give and take battle most of the way.

In a scheduled six rounder, **Benji Goldstone, 153½,** Albany, N.Y., ko'd **Rahim Muhammad, 148,** Newark, N.J., at 2:48 of the second round with a strong left hook. Goldstone, 3-1.

In another six rounder, **Ralph "Rocky" Fratto, 154,** Geneva, N.Y., a fine looking pro prospect, scored his second in a row as he stopped **Lorenzo Howard, 154,** of Albany, at 2:34, in the second round.

In the opening contest, a four rounder, **Hubie Jackson, 148,** Newark, N.J., won a decision over **Al Bogard, 147,** New York City, in an exciting battle.

The card of boxing at Rochester, N.Y., promoted by the Main Event Boxing Corp., with John Abdou and Sal Spina, attracted around 1500.

EUROPEAN RATINGS

Heavyweights
Title vacant
1. Alfio Righetti (I)
2. Jose Urtain (S)
3. Dante Cane (I)
4. Lucien Rodriguez (F)
5. Jean Pierre Coopman (B)
6. Kurt Ludecke (G)
7. Bernd August (G)
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* Maurice Hope (GB)
1. Eckhard Dagge (G)
2. Vito Antuofermo (I)
3. Bruno Arcari (I)
4. Rocky Matioli (I)
5. Jose Duran (S)
6. Frank Wissenbach (G)
7. Joel Bannetaz (F)
8. Damiano Lassandro (I)
9. Dum Dum Pacheco (S)
10. Vincent Ungaro (I)

Lightweights
* Perico Fernandez (S)
1. Giancarlo Usai (I)
2. Vincenzo Burgio (I)
3. Antonio Puddi (I)
4. Andre Holyk (F)
5. Fernand Roelands (B)
6. Vincent Quero (I)
7. Jeronimo Lucas (S)
8. Alonso San Miguel (S)
9. Giancarlo Barabotti (I)
10. Pietro Meraviglia (I)

Light heavies
* Mate Parlov (Yugo)
1. Domenico Adinolfi (I)
2. Aldo Traversaro (I)
3. Harold Skog (N)
4. Francois Fiol (S)
5. Avenamar Peralta (G)
6. Ennio Cometti (I)
7. Christian Poncelet (F)
8. Leo Kakolewicz (G)
9. Omelio Grando (I)
10. Quintana Trujillo (S)

Welterweights
* Marco Scano (I)
1. Vittorio Conte (I)
2. Jorgen Hansen (D)
3. Jacques van Mellaerts (F)
4. Toni Ortiz (S)
5. Alain Ruocco (f)
6. Luciano Boracia (I)
7. Italo Venturi (I)
8. Domenico DiJoria (I)
9. Giovanni Molesini (I)
10. Georges Warusfel (F)

Junior Lights
* Natale Vezzoli (I)
1. Domingo Jiminez (S)
2. Antonio Guinaldo (I)
3. Cecilio Lastra (S)
4. Roland Cazeaux (F)
5. Rudi Haeck (B)
6. Georges Colin (F)
7. Ramon Garcia Marichal (S)
8. Manuel Llata (S)
9. Roldolfi Sanchez (S)
10. Miguel Molleda (S)

Middleweights
* Alan Minter (GB)
1. Germano Valsecchi (I)
2. Gratien Tonna (F)
3. Julles Bellaiche (F)
4. Jean Mateo (F)
5. Angelo Jacpucci (I)
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Junior welterweights
* Dave Boy Green (GB)
1. Jean Baptiste Piedvache (F)
2. Cemal Kamaci (T)
3. Primo Buddini (S)
4. Miguel Velasquez (S)
5. Jose Gomez Fouz (S)
6. Elisio Pinna (I)
7. Fernand Sanchez (S)
8. Jean Saadli (F)
9. Claude Lormeau (F)
10. Ernesto Bergamesco (I)

Featherweights
* Nino Jiminez (S)
1. Elio Cotena (I)
2. Nevio Carbi (I)
3. Natala Caredda (I)
4. Sergio Emili (I)
5. Pasqualino Siracusa (F)
6. Michele Siracusa (F)
7. Adolf Osses (I)
8. Albert Amatler (F)
9. Manuel Masso (S)
10. Michel Lefbvre (F)

Bantamweights
* Salvatore Fabrizio (I)
1. Jacky Bihin (F)
2. Daniel Trioulaire (F)
3. Franco Zurlo (I)
4. Pedro Molledo (S)
5. Fernando Bernardez (S)
6. Luigi Tessarin (I)
7. Teodoro Corallo (I)
8. Salvatore Avella (I)
9. Lucio Vailati (I)
10. Gianni Garbo (I)

Flyweights
* Franco Udella (I)
1. Fritz Chervet (Switz)
2. Franco Sperati (I)
3. Emilio Pireddu (I)
4. Franco Buglione (I)
5. Manuel Carrasco Hernandez (S)
6. Jose Cantero (S)
7. Farisio Boi (I)
8. Mario Garcia (S)
9. Christian Martin (F)
10. Daniel Charvet (F)

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FOREMAN POUNDS OUT AGOSTO

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was paid $250,000 for scoring his 45th victory and 42nd knockout in 46 pro fights.

When questioned about Ali, Foreman said, "I want to fight Ali on an aircraft carrier at sea," referring to the United States Boxing Championship quarterfinals held on the USS Lexington in Pensacola Bay. "In fact, I'd just like to get him on an aircraft carrier. Then if he doesn't sign, he has to swim home, and I want the ship surrounded by sharks."

The best fight on the card was a middleweight bout featuring middleweights Bobby "Boogaloo" Watts and Reginald Ford from New York. Watts entertained the crowd with his fancy footwork in the early rounds and then switched to power to win a unanimous decision. Watts put Ford into a crouching position with a lightning combination to the head in the seventh round, and put him on the deck in the eighth round with a left hook and a right to the head. After the fight, it was announced that the fight was Ford's first as a professional.

In two other heavyweight bouts on the card, Horace "Big City" Robinson of New York outpointed Jerry Tompkins of Elizabeth in a brawling fight. Robinson had Tompkins in trouble on several occasions, but couldn't finish him off. In the other contest, 268-pound Leroy Jones stopped veteran Cookie Wallace in the ninth round of a scheduled ten round contest. Wallace took all the massive Jones could dish out, but his eye closed in the ninth round and he informed the referee that he had enough. The card was promoted by Don King.

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CHIAVERINI, McMINN WIN

By RON COPHER

Kansas City, Mo.—Before a crowd of 6,000 fans in Municipal Auditorium 24 year old middleweight Tony Chiaverini of Shawnee, Kansas, knocked out Tony Gardner of Memphis, Tenn., with a southpaw left hand the chin at 2:25 of the second round in the scheduled 10-round main event.

Chiaverini set up Gardner with a body punch, driving him into the ropes before unloading the fight ending blow. The knockout punch contrasted dramatically with the slow first round in which only Gardner landed a solid punch.

Chiaverini, who is 5-9 and 159 lbs, improved his record to 14-2-1 with 11 knockouts. The 30 year old Gardner's record fell to 45-9. He has now been stopped five times.

In the most exciting fight of the night, the pride of Quapaw, Okla., Tony McMinn scored his seventh pro victory when he knocked out Ivy Brown of Memphis, Tenn., in the fourth round of a scheduled six-round lightheavyweight match.

The taller and heavier Brown, 176½, scored with a sharp left jab in the early going, but McMinn's body shots took the steam out of Brown as the bout progressed.

The 19 year old McMinn who weighed in at 169, put Brown on the canvas with a straight right hand in the third round. Late in the fourth round the carrot-topped McMinn scored with a left hook to the body and a right cross to the jaw that felled the Memphis puncher. Brown was counted out with four seconds left in the round.

McMinn is now 7-1 with all seven of his victories coming by the knockout route. Brown is losing his first bout fell to 4-1.

In another lightheavyweight bout Tracy Morrison, of Kansas City, and Ned Hallacy, of Wichita, battled to a crowd pleasing eight round draw. Two judges scored the fight a draw while the third official saw Hallacy the winner.

In a scheduled six-round lightweight bout Steve Homan of Raytown, Mo., had little trouble in knocking out Charles Wartman of Cincinnati in the first round with a southpaw left hand.

In a featherweight bout Wardell Williams of Kansas City, Kansas, scored a unanimous six-round decision over Peanut Emerson of Cincinnati.

▲Quanaw, Okla.—Local hero Tony McMinn boosted his pro record to 6-1 with a first round KO over Moses Brown of Memphis, Tenn. in a middleweight bout.

Brown was wary of McMinn's powerful left hook and tried to stay out of range by moving and using the left jab. McMinn, whose style is to come out slugging, kept moving in and landing with hooks to the body to try to slow Brown down. The Memphis boxer kept trying to move out of range but was unable to do so. McMinn landed a powerful left hook to Brown's ribs which dropped the rangy Brown in his tracks. Brown was counted out at 1:59 of the first. All six of Tony's wins have come by knockout.

In a lightweight bout Billy Pearish of Joplin, Mo., won a hard fought unanimous decision in a six rounder over Shannon Williams of Little Rock. Pearish is now 8-0 with six KO's in his pro career.

Pearish came out punching against Williams, seeking a quick KO over the opponent he stopped in the second round of his first pro outing. Pearish carried the action in the first two rounds as eh repeatedly scorded with both hands to the head and body of Williams.

The third round was fairly even as Williams started to come into the fight. Williams came out in the fourth and carried the fight to Pearish. The Little Rock battler landed several combinations. An uppercut and a left hook to the body had Pearish in some trouble as the round ended.

Pearish came out for the fifth and started dancing and picking his shots. He landed several solid left jabs but Williams connected with a hard right to the head as the round ended. Pearish, who normally likes to crowd his opponents and fight in close where he can hook to the head and body, continued to use stick and move tactics against Williams in the final round. The Joplin fighter landed several solid punches but Williams wouldn't go down and was fighting back as the bell ended the fight.

In a middleweight bout Joplin's Hank Gregory scored a third round TKO over Wayne Ratliff of Little Rock. A straight right dropped Ratliff in the closing seconds of the second round and the Little Rock boxer was saved by the bell at the count of seven. Ratliff didn't come out for the third round and Gregory was awareded the victory by referre Rick Allen. The Joplin fighters record now stands at 1-1-4.

In the opening fight on the card lightweight Leonard Johnson of Webb City, Mo. scored a second round KO over Ed White of Memphis.

A crowd of 500 attended promoter Clarence McMinn's second pro show in this northeastern Oklahoma town. McMinn will continue to promote here once a month.

▲Quapaw, Okla.—Sluggign Joplin, Missouri lightweight Johnny Copeland scored a fifth-round TKO over game Roberto Tijerina of Ft. Worth, Texas in the main event of a four-bout professional boxing show witnessed by 1000 fans.

Copeland was content to feel out his opponent in the opening rounds and scored with occasional left jabs and with his explosive right hand. Tijerina was rocked several times before Copeland landed with a straight right that opened up a deep cut over the Texas boxers eye. The stoppage victory brought the power punching Copeland's record to 41-16 with 36 of the wins coming by KO.

Hometown favorite Tony McMinn scored his seventh pro victory with a third round KO of Barry Smith of Dallas in a middleweight bout. McMinn came out throwing punches to the body while Smith tried to keep distance between him and his opponent.

The Quapaw youngster began working to the head in the third round. Smith who had slowed down considerably from the pounding to the body he had taken was dropped with a right to the jaw. The Dallas fighter was up at the count of eight but the carrot topped McMinn quickly finished Smith off with a left hook to the temple. McMinn's record is now 7-1 with all of his wins by knockouts.

Joplin lightweight Billy Pearish took an unbeaten string of eight pro fights into his bout with Sam Taylor of St. Louis. Taylor, a 1975 and 1976 St. Louis Golden Gloves champ was making his pro debut.

▲Webb City, Mo.—Lightweight Leonard Johnson dropped a unanimous decision to Rich House of St. Charles, Mo. in a hard fought four rounder that saw both fighters jar each other several times.

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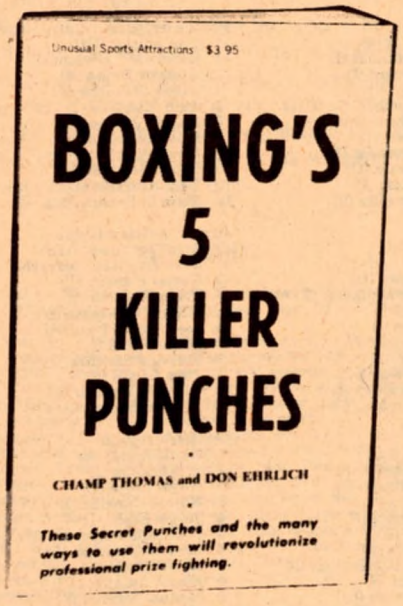

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EVERETT EASILY BEATS MURPHY

By JIM McCLOY

Wilmington, Delaware — Mike Everett, 141, Philadelphia, Pa., had little trouble disposing of William (Pee Wee) Murphy, 140, Philadelphia, Pa., in the third round of the main event before nearly 1,000 at Fournier Hall. Originally scheduled for a preliminary, Murphy was a substitute for Ivelow Eastman of Guyana, who failed to appear at the weigh-in.

Everett played with his opponent during the first round, but mounted an attack in the second, dropping the game, but outgunned Murphy for an eight count. The end came at :41 of the third round when an Everett right cross dropped Murphy for the full count.

In a middleweight affair Frank Crossan, Bellmawr, N.J., scored his second TKO in as many fights by making short work of Moses Robinson, Philadelphia, Pa., at 1:31 of the first round. In another middleweight bout Tommy Mitsus, Crum Lynne, Pa., spoiled the comeback of Jimmy Anderson, Newark, Del., made a successful pro debut when he TKO'ed the veteran Prince Nikita Tarhocker, Camden, N.J., when the latter hit the deck for the third time at 2:31 of the second round. Both are middleweights. Mike Downley, Philadelphia, Pa., decisioned Kenny Muse, Camden, N.J., in a four round lightweight fight.

This was the first card in Wilmington to be promoted by Frank Gelb and the fourth of the season. Gelb has announced monthly shows until summer. With boxing's return to Wilmington, Delaware, and with scheduled cards in Philadelphia, Bristol, and Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, the fight game is alive and well in the Delaware Valley.

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THREE NEW JBC CHAMPS CROWNED

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

Tokyo, Japan — Three new JBC champions appeared after upset impressive performances of young fighters, while three other titlists retained their laurels with the steady real powers:

Lefty puncher Tetsuo Furuyama, 29, registered the eighth defense of the junior welterweight crown, halting Hiroshi Hikichi, 27, year old ex-junior middleweight ruler, in eight frames; Kazunori Tenryu, junior flyweight leader, kept his champion belt by a quite lopsided decision from Puma Kohya in ten; unbeaten middleweight boss Masashi Kudo continued his winning streak, as he demolished Saburo Sakai in nine heats.

Masa Ito, underdog speedster, outboxed Tamio Negishi to become JBC lightweight champion in ten upset rounds in his native land, Yamaguchi Prefecture; Tsuyoshi Okabe, local favorite, dethroned the bantamweight title from Go (Hisami) Numata in ten close sessions; Yutaka Kasahara, unbeaten ex-amateur boxer, who tried a very quick attack and dropped Waruinge Nakayama three times and out in the second round, is the JBC super-bantamweight champ now.

▲Tokyo — In the first card staged at Korakuen Hall this year, some 1,200 customers gathered to see hot proceedings of a double tenner presented by Saida Promotion. The main event was ballyhooed as an eliminator to decide a challenger against the JBC lightweight title held by Tamio Negishi. Favorite speedster Kiyoshi Kazama, top contender at 136¾, dropped Masahiro Yokai, No. 4 lightweight at 136½, with a counterpunching right in an opening session, outboxed him with sharper blows and almost brought home the bacon, until Yokai's sudden attack had Kazama sink for the count at 3:07 in the sixth round.

From the first canto, Kazama appeared to toy with Yokai, the former's five year junior at 22, by stepping back swiftly and scoring well with short rights at the youngster's face. Kazama, one of the best defensive boxers here, averted most of Yokai's wild punches, and immediately counterpunched him to dominate the first, second and fifth rounds, losing no sessions. However Kazama, who was said not to like a strict training, suddenly faded, covered himself up and threw few punches against still scrappy Yokai. Near the end of the sixth stanza, Yokai who often missed blows caught the Fancy Dan with a solid left at Kazama's temple. Kazama knelt down with his face on the canvas, but regained his sense to wait for the third man to toll the count up to nine. Kazama stood up calmly, but the fef then counted the fatal ten. In spite of Kazama's protest that he could fight onl Yokai was awarded an upset kayo win.

In a companion 10-rounder, Kenji Shibata, JBC junior lightweight leader at 155¾, proved to be a better jabber against another left-hander Michihiro Horihata, taller ex-Shinjin-o winner at 156 pounds, from whom the champ won a unanimous verdict in a nontitle contest. The official nod was so onesided as to be tabbed: 50-44, 49-43 and 49-43.

In a preliminary sixer, Shuo Kawazoe, 129½, decisioned Yoshitaka Ikehara, southpaw at 130 pounds, in a junior lightweight game.

▲Tokyo, Korakuen Hall — witnessed a triple tenner of rising prospects, which drew some 1,200 spectators.

Having suffered his first setback at the hand of lefty Go Mifune one month ago, busy bantie Shuichi Isogami, ex-Shinjin-o winner and JBC No. 8 contender, faced experienced Hideo Kobayashi, 117¾, punched him from all angles and scored a good kayo at the end of the eighth round. Isogami, shorter sturdy guy at 22, resistlessly bored in to throw the vaunted combos, dropping Hideo with a solid uppercut to the chin, and again with a left shot at the body in the fourth canto. Though lanky Kobayashi, JBC No. 2 bantamweight, tried to counterpunch the rookie with a few uppercuts to avert the reckless attack, Isogami positively kept punching the veteran and dominated every round thereafter. With two more knockdowns in round five and seven, Isogami, half a pound lighter, was awarded a triumph, after Mitsunori Seki, former Orient champ who now piloted Kobayashi, had him retire due to the bad punishment. The aggressive winner registered his tenth win and seventh kayo against one loss and two draws.

In a companion tenner Eijiro Murata collected the fourth knockout in as many pro games, finishing Kiyotaka Mikami in 2:52 of the first session. Both scaled at 120 pounds.

Faster Noboru Hatakeyama, 139¾, overwhelmed Ken Kokubo, ½ pound lighter, with incessant combinations, floored him with a right at the temple and gained a victory by a technical kayo at the end of the fourth round.

In a preliminary eight-rounder Makoto Saito, 121½, also scored a technical win from Kazuhiko Takuno at the end of the third stanza.

Having beaten in the semi-final of the Shinjin-o tournament despite great expectations, Atom Suzuki who had turned from the Thai styled kick boxing engaged in a comeback go and decisioned Naojiro Toda in four. Each weighed 108.

▲Lefthander Tetsuo (Lion) Furuyama, 140 pounds, responded to the challenge of former junior middleweight titlist Hiroshi Hikichi and proved too strong for another southpaw in halting him midway in the eighth round. For the eighth time Furuyama retained his JBC junior welterweight crown. Hikichi, moving down by two classes and scaling at 139½, had a strategy to outjab and outleg the KO artist who had won 25 games within the distance in his previous 36 victories. He was successful in the opening round only. From the second session Furuyama solved his opponent's hit-and-run with jolting blows and kept Hikichi backpedaling all the way.

In a supporting 10 round rematch, lefty puncher Hirobumi Mochizuki, JBC No. 4 junior lightweight at 127¼, was unable to turn the tables on speedster Jaguar Sekino, 126½, to lose a majority decision again. One judge Sasaki saw the hard-fought go a draw 47-47 as in their first encounter last September, however Kumazaki and Ugo both tabbed 49-45 for the smarter Sekino.

Bantam Hiroyuki Tanaka, 116, demolished Kazumasa Tamashiro, 115¼, in six.

▲Tokyo — Korakuen Hall saw another JBC title game on the next day, as Kazunori Tenryu successfully kept his junior flyweight title by gaining a shutout lopsided nod from Puma Kohya in 10 frames. Some 1,600 fans witnessed Tenryu, standing at 4 feet 9 inches, have Kohya at bay no later than in round two, when the shorter champ dropped him with a very sharp left at the bottom for the mandatory eight count and sent a resistless rally to the rubber-legged guy. The bell saved Kohya. Tenryu displayed an improved combo at close range, taking four rounds in succession from the second canto. When Tenryu, 26, had the 21 year old challenger on the deck with a fine one-two in round five, the crowd thought the finish would come soon. However Kohya's gameness and durability made him refuse to go down in the second half, though the youngster was given a boxing lesson to lose three more rounds. The televised game by NET was scored with a great points difference on each scoresheet: Tezaki 50-42, Morita 50-41 and Kanaya 49-42.

Tenryu, weighing 106 pounds to the loser's 107½, upped his record to 18-4-3 with 10 knockouts, while Kohya suffered the 13th loss against 12 wins and 3 draws. We could call such a onesided game mismatch.

A semi-final 8 rounder caused the spectators to pay their eagle-eyed attentions. Six footer Toshiaki Suzuki, 22 year old unmatched amateur champion in the light heavyweight division, made a fine pro debut, as he battered Ken Ohdo, 184½, for three full minutes in the first canto and demolished him in 1:53 of the next round.

In another eighter, 20 year old Hikaru Tomonari, lanky ex-amateur speedster, engaged in a touchstone go with ex-Shinjin-o lefty Kazuhiko Sasaki, 125 pounds and with a 6-1-2 record. Hikaru's third pro game became a total war, as the prospects exchanged all they had without any booed inactions. Hikaru barely seized a unanimous decision. The winner, who scaled 125¾, may deserve some cards with name JBC contenders.

▲Osaka — Scrappy Yohi Arai, JBC junior welterweight No. 6 contender, proved too much for Haruki Miyagawa, taller local Shinjin-o winner from the northern district, stopping him in the third round of a scheduled ten.

Miyagawa, 149½, revealed his vulnerable jaw at the busy hand of Arai to sink early in the contest. The easy winner scaled at 146¾ pounds.

▲Hofu, Yamaguchi — National lightweight champion Tamio Negishi, 133¼ and 23 years of age, scored well with a short range rally in early round, but was outboxed and outsped by Masa Ito, 29, losing the title to the more experienced jabber in 10 heats at Hofu City Gymnasium.

Masa, son of the owner of the Yamaguchi Kyoei Club, had once seized JBC junior lightweight crown via an upset decision from Yasutsune Uehara in Hofu there, however, had been dethroned quickly by Uehara in a rematch three months later in July last year in Tokyo.

Ito, 135 pounds, had compiled a common 29-13-4 record with only six kayoes and will have to face young rising KO artist Masahiro Yokai whom JBC lists as a top contender in the 135-pound division after his finishing Kiyoshi Kazama with one left shot.

▲Fukuoka City — Kyushu Island added another championship to Tsutomu Hagusa's recently seized Orient junior middleweight title. Tsuyoshi Okabe, 22 year old perennial top contender, defeated Go (Hisami) Numata, 117½, in their awaited rematch by a hairline, but unanimous, decision in 10 speedy heats at Kyuden Gymnasium. Okabe, taller puncher at 117 pounds, started a firework from the opening session, using stinging lefts positively. Numata, 25, tried to avenge his 10-round nontitle loss last August to respond to the youngster with jolting left hooks. Despite more punches and the superior speed of Numata, an official verdict called Okabe points winner due to judges' evaluations of his better effectiveness during the continual exchange of punches.

▲Nagoya City — Aggressive Takao Maruki, top junior lightweight contender rated long by JBC, appeared to keep himself in good shape in having won all bouts last year, and gave a lesson to lefty Iwao Murakami, 132½, who sank in round six of a scheduled ten.

▲It must be very good news that the hitherto split JBA (Japan Boxing Association) which consists of all managers, promoters, matchmakers and club owners as well officially united into one organization. In Atami City near Tokyo, Hitoshi Misako, head of Misako Club who handles Koichi Wajima, was elected new president with shutout votes. Seven vice-presidents were chosen by Misako, who wisely included three VIPs in the local Osaka, Nagoya and Kyushu districts. The long breakup caused by money problems after a Muhammad Ali vs. Mac Foster card has been continued since 1972.

▲Taegu, Korea — Orient middleweight champion Yuh Jae-Do scored the seventeenth record-breaking defense by decisioning Yuichiro Watanabe in 12 good heats. In spite of no knockdowns, Yuh displayed a fine outfighting to dominate most of the rounds against the bleeding opponent before 4,000 fans.

▲Pusan, Korea — Korea's Kim Hak-Yong won from Chikara Igarashi via a fourth round TKO due to the latter's too bad gash over the right eye.

In another tenner Koh Saeng-Keun, top bantam contender there, finished Mamoru Nagaoka with a right uppercut in round eight.

▲Pusan saw another Japanese defeat in unbeaten Koo Sang-Mo's kayo of Jambo Nakatsuka in the sixth round.

BRISCOE AND VINSON BRAWL

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coming. A sharp right to the jaw, followed by two nice combinations, had Briscoe's 34 year old legs looking very unsteady in the seventh. It was a big round for Karl.

Vinson tried to follow his advantage in the exciting eighth. Briscoe, however, seemed reluctant to mix for the first time. He was probably resting for a fast finish.

The ninth was murder. First one then the other drove home solid shots. Vinson, now bleeding from the nose and mouth as well as the left eye, looked ready to go on two occasions only to rally back from the brink of disaster.

The last round was even until the last 30 seconds when Briscoe hurt his adversary with a short right to the chin. A series of punches topped-off by a tremendous left to the belly put Vinson out on his feet at the bell. The official scoring was 47-45, 48-44 and 47-44 all in favor of Briscoe. The RING agreed with a 48-43 tally for the shaven-skulled bomber.

In the junior lightweight semi-final Jerome Artis boxed his way to a decisive decision over rugged Dominican Jose Fernandez. This pair battled to a draw last year, but this time the talkative Artis was in much better physical condition and won with relative ease.

Fernandez, 131, dropped the local lad in the third with a hard right to the jaw. Artis, 132, got up and was in control from then on.

In one of the most boring matches this reporter has ever suffered through, Philly's Baby Kid Chocolate, 118, shut out Socrates Batoto, 124, of the Philippines, in ten.

Batoto couldn't fight and Chocolate wouldn't. Chocolate is now undefeated in 18 pro bouts, but is putting the fans to sleep with his style.

Popular Californian Marty Monroe, 204, blasted out china-chinned New Yorker C. J. Bar Brown, 205, in 39 seconds of the opening round. Brown, who has a lot of trouble getting out of the first round, was out cold after fielding a four-punch combo tossed by Monroe.

In other prelims Lynwood "Honeyboy" Snowden, 129, decisioned Elviro Reyes Jajuja, 130, in six and lefty Dan Snyder, 155, was lucky to get the nod over Daryl Lamkin, 156, also over six.

ORTEGA WINS TITLE

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Alexis Arguello, also of Nicaragua and still recognized as world champion by RING magazine, because he refused to fight an opponent of the organization's choice. Arguello has stated that he intends to move up in weight and fight for the WBC portion of the Jr. lightweight title now held by Alfredo Escalera, of Puerto Rico.

JESSIE BURNETT

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Burnett's pilot, Jesse Reid, is no Johnny-come-lately. He was AAU middleweight champ in 1968 and later helped train Rodolfo Gonzales and Oscar Alvarado. Reid believes sincerely that Burnett has all the natural skills and power to become the 175 pound monarch.

Perhaps the turning point in the fistic life of Jesse Burnett came on July 31, 1975, when the San Diegan beat tough Mexican battler Alvaro Lopez in a 12-rounder in Stockton, California, to annex the state light heavyweight title. The torrid twelve-rounder was a rematch of an earlier scrap in which Lopez won a split decision and the California 175-pound diadem.

Hard-clouting Burnett's first major victory in his native San Diego came on July 1, 1972, when he whipped Yaqui Lopez in eight heats. On July 24 of the same year in the Forum in Inglewood, Burnett won a six round decision over Hildo Silva. The San Diegan fought his first 10-rounder on Oct. 19 in Los Angeles, scoring a decision over Ronnie Wilson.

After scoring seven straight wins, Burnett's split decision jinx caught up with him on Feb. 25, 1975, in Miami Beach where he lost to cagey and ringwise James Scott in ten.

Winning the California State 175-pound title has definitely contributed to the earning power of Burnett and added stature to his aspirations of winning the world light-heavyweight crown jewels. Does Jesse possess the magical touch to pull a title out of the proverbial hat? Manager Reid thinks Burnett will become a titleholder if he ever fights for the title. Maybe he will.

HALEY COPS NOD OVER ESTRADA

By SHIRLEY NORMAN

Leroy Haley. . .Las Vegas' lightweight pride and joy. . .has moved up to a main-event fighter. But his first top-of-the-card appearance was far from impressive.

By his own admission. . .Haley's straight jabs lacked power—but some left hooks and overhand rights in the final rounds gave Haley a unanimous decision over Augustin Estrada of El Paso.

His unimpressive ring action didn't keep Haley from "hamming it up" by turning cartwheels around the ring when the decision was announced.

Hopefully, Haley's fighting ability next time will match his showmanship.

A companion 10-round main event saw 19-year old Billy Turner of Gardnerville, Nevada, knock out his opponent, Rodrigo Contreras of Los Angeles at 1:10 of the fifth round.

Turner. . .formerly of the Stewart Indian School. . .was in command throughout the fight. Both men weighed in at 134—but the 30-year old Contreras could not counteract Turner's chopping rights that eventually sent him to the canvas.

The preliminary event was almost over before it started as Johnny Lira of Chicago knocked out El Paso's Frankie Peralta at 2:33 of the first round.

Peralta was felled by a strong right to the body. His brief performance was so sluggish that the Nevada Athletic Commission said Peralta's purse would be held up.

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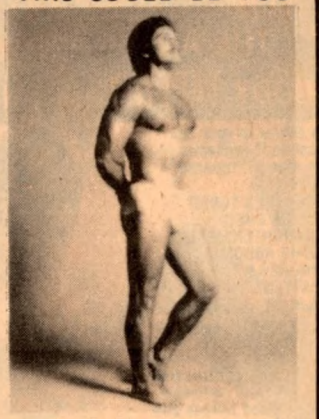

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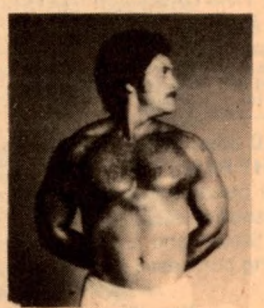

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EDITORIAL

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Boxing could use some great years from Benitez, for such a fighter comes down the road very seldom. Will he mature in a manner that will develop the disciplines so necessary to reach the pinnacle of greatness, or will he flame as just another champion for a brief span and then flare out into the darkness of obscurity? Only time will tell!

BERRY TOPS HAYES

By NIGEL COLLINS

BLUE HORIZON — In a battle of New Jersey featherweight prospects William "Red" Berry struggled to a split 10-round decision over Gerald Hayes. Berry is from Trenton while Hayes boxes out of Newark.

Berry, who forced the fight most of the way, was bothered by Hayes' constant movement and pesky right hand counters.

Overall, Berry's work was the more consistent. He pinned Hayes against the ropes on several occasions and scored well with hard hooks to the side.

Hayes, 127, looked like he might turn the fight around in the sixth when he rocked Berry with a couple of sharp right hands. Gerald failed to follow up and down the stretch "Red" kept up the pressure to earn the close call. This writer scored the bout 46-45 for the winner.

Berry, 125½, upped his pro record to 8-2-1 with 4 KO's. Hayes dropped to 5-3-2 with 3 KO's.

In the best of the six-rounders Atlantic City's Tyrone Demby, 152, scored a 4-round TKO over game Archie Andrews, 157, of Philadelphia.

This was a real thriller with both boxers taking turns dishing out punishment. Demby's harder punching was the difference and Andrews was not allowed out for the fourth.

Another action-packed six saw Michael Frazier, 126, outpunch Johnny Glover, 124. Glover, of Trenton, started well but wilted under Frazier's non-stop attack.

Local Jerome Goodman, 157, edged Ray "Poppy" Davis, 151, of Atlantic City, in a dull six that featured more motion than content.

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J. Russell Peltz' show opened with a lively four-spot that saw Jerry Graham, 137, outpoint slow-starting Rick Norton, 138. Both men from Philly.

Goodwill Hose Co. Fire Hall, Bristol, Pa. — A SRO crowd of well over 1,000 fans turned out for the opening of pro boxing in this small community just outside of Phildelphia.

The main event saw Ron Branch score a repeat win over Luis Vega over 8-rounds in a lightweight match.

Branch, 137, of Wilmington, use his sharp left jab to control the fight and outpunch Vega in most rounds.

Vega, 132, of Reading, moved steadily forward but only punched in brief spurts. He nailed Branch every now and then with solid hooks but failed to follow up.

Branch is now 6-4-3, while Vega slipped to 11-10-3.

Philly's Al Yasbick, 174, pounded Reading's Charlie Stern, 170½, for a fourth round TKO. Stern managed to stay on his feet but was under steady fire when the referee stepped in.

Local Joko Johnson, 193, blasted Wayne Baily, 189½, for an easy first-round knockout. Baily looked like a man who wished he was anywhere except in the prize ring.

Good-looking prospect Jerry Graham, 137, iced Mike Williams, 136, with a perfect left hook in the third round. Both men from Philly.

Billy Warham, 165, looked promising as he rung up his second pro win with a fourth-round TKO over Tom Mitis, 167.

Richie Bennett, 165, TKO'd Roger Johnson, 158, in three and Mark "Moon" Christan, 134, outpointed Jim Murphy, 139, over four lively rounds to open the show.

▲Liberty Hall — "Skinny" Jimmy Rothwell won easily over C. J. Faison in their 8-rounder for promoter Barry McCall. The fight was rather dull and Rothwell took every round on this reporters scorecard. Rothwell, 141½, has now gone unbeaten in eight pro starts. He is talented but lacks the flash and aggression that is needed to be a big attraction in this city.

Faison, 149, of Washington D.C., came to fight, but could not handle the quick reflexes of Rothwell.

In the best prelim local comer Jerry Graham, 137, TKO'd Mike Dislo, 137, after two knockdowns in the second round.

Popular Dennis Szychulski, KO'd someone billed as Fred Robinson in the opening round of a middleweight farce. Robinson went down for good after a nasty look from Szychulski.

Titus Burgess, 158, took a swim in the first round leaving Tom Harris, 158, the winner by knockout.

Billy Warham, 158, KO'd Prince Nikita Tarhocker, 155, in the third. It was another dubious victory.

Johnny Barr, Jr., rounded out the disgraceful undercard with a quick knockout over Tim Johnson. These were lightweights.

In spite of the poor quality of matches the crowd of 700 seem to enjoy themselves.

CRUZ OVER GONZALVES

By KELLY NICHOLSON

Portland, Oregon — Professional boxing returned to the Multnomah County Exposition Center as Portland fans witnessed the continuing progress of 19 year old light heavyweight Tom Sullivan and professional debut of middleweight brother John. A main event featured Joe Gonzalves, 160, of Oakland and smooth-boxing Californian Rudy Cruz. Winner by split decision, Cruz may have earned a shot at No. 1 world-ranked Mike Colbert who is presently involved in Don King's U.S. championship tournament.

Preliminary action saw Tacoma's Larry Smith, 155, take a six-round decision from rugged veteran Rocky Mosley of Seattle. After a lengthy amateur career which included nearly 100 victories against some of the best competition available, Johnny Sullivan at 20 entered paid ranks with a third round stoppage of Oakland's Al Shara. The older of the fighting brothers was given no soft touch in his first pro start as the two battled on even terms until Johnny found the range with several overhand rights to win by KO in round three.

"That's as hard as I've ever hit anybody," was Tommy's remark after stretching L.A.'s Tony Muriello, 177, with a slashing left uppercut at 2:54 of the third. The younger Sullivan raised his mark to 6-0 with 5 KO's in a spirited battle of lightheavies.

The night's finale was no disappointment as southpaw Cruz needed all his skills to win over persistent and hard-winging Joe Gonzalves who decked his taller opponent with a sweeping left hook in round nine. Gonzalves, having trouble in earlier rounds, seemed also to finish the stronger at the bout's end.

Promoter Sam Singer drew 1,300 paying $8000-plus for the card and will doubtless want to further capitalize on the development of local talent in the future. Referee for this was Bill Thornberg.

AUSTIN HALTS ALDENHOVEN

By RAY MITCHELL

Taking part in his first contest since winning the Australian lightweight title four months earlier, Lachy "Baby Cassius" Austin, 141, halted Alan Aldenhoven, 145 in the last of a ten-rounder at the Charles Hotel, North Perth.

This was the first promotion of 1977 in Australia, and it happened out west—nearly 3,000 miles west of Sydney. Date was January 12.

Austin's win over Aldenhoven ran his record to 18-4-1. Aldenhoven's loss ran his to 20 wins, 13 losses, 6 draws. Nine of his defeats have come inside the distance. The lad is not as tough as he was, and it would be well for him to retire from active glove-throwing.

▲Suva, Fiji—Australian middleweight champion Semi Bula went home to Fiji for a fight and knocked out John Tui in the ninth round. Semi (called Sam) has lived in Australia for some time and intends staying here.

▲Marrickville R.S.L. Club—Heading was Al Korovou, another Fijian domiciled in Australia, and wild man Joe Vella. These two met last year in a fight billed for the "vacant junior-light-heavyweight championship of Australia," the first of its kind and not fully recognises. Weight limit of 168. Vella steam-rolled korovou to exhaustion over the ten, three-minute rounds of that bout, to win on points. The Marrickville rematch was a non-title affair over ten, two-minute rounds, and this made a big difference. Smarter-boxing Korovou kept out the bull-rushing Vella to win clearly on points. Korovou scaled 165 to Vella's 174.

In the main support over eight rounds, rising Ron Sheldon, 160, halted veteran Erik King, 158, in the sixth round of a two-man war.

Sheldon began his career only last year but is active, with 25 fights behind him, including this one with King. His record now stands at 20-4-1. King, who began pelting punches for pay in 1968, now has 22-40-11. Not impressive but always a good trial horse who makes it tough for lads below the top group.

Two of Joe Vella's brothers boxed on the bill headed by Joe. Paul Vella, 195, halted Sione Haumona, 186, in the third of a six, while Alex Vella, 178, outpointed Garry Hubble, 180, alos over six.

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DUQUETTE LAYS CLAIM TO NEW ENGLAND JR. MIDDLE TITLE

By DON HAMILL

PORTLAND — Billy Duquette, 154, Brockton, laid claim to the New England junior middleweight championship by scoring a well earned unanimous ten round decision over Ricky Burgess, 154, Waterville. Duquette boxed well scoring with left jabs and fast combinations to head and body. Burgess appeared to be unable to get things together.

Promising Jim Corkum, 147, Brockton, scored a fourth round kayo over Charlie Jones, 146, Thomaston. Mike Lapointe, 234, Thomaston, stopped Bob Akers, 237, of the same facility, in the fourth round of another six rounder. Billy Burke, 140, Salem, N.H., decisioned Jose Cruz, 139, Lawrence. In the curtain raiser, Eduardo Rivera, 133, Lowell, scored a unanimous four round win over Danny Butts, 132, Portland.

Mrs. Barbara Roach of Dedham was given her first judging assignment on the Christmas show. She is the New England area's first woman boxing official.

There has been some confusion surrounding the New England junior middleweight title. The champion was Jackie Smith, of Brockton, who had won the title from Paul Osborne. Smith then was flattened in a battle in Hartford by Jesse Bender. That bout was not advertised as a title bout and Smith was overweight, but Bender was not. Bender claimed the title but never defended it in fifteen months. During the past month Smith battled Billy Duquette to a draw in a match for the title. Was it a vacant title or was Smith defending? Some believe the latter. Then comes Sam Silverman with his initial show for 1977, a New England junior middleweight title scrap, between Duquette and Ricky Burgess. Duquette has agreed to defend his claim to the title against Smith.

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SOTO AND GREGORY WINNERS

By CHARLES D. BROWN

Queens, N.Y.C.—Well, this time Pedro Soto won, but will he ever see 180 pounds again? In August of 1976, Soto lost by 8-round KO to Eddie (RED TOP) Owens, veteran New England light heavy, in one of the year's bigger upsets. Sunnyside Gardens opened its 1977 season with a rematch, and this time Soto scored a 2-round TKO and got that blot off his escutcheon. A crowd of about 1,000 customers witnessed the get-even KO, which brought Soto's record to 13-2-2.

Both men came in as full-fledged heavies—Soto at 196 and Owens at 192.

Soto is from Puerto Rico, Owens, from Pittsfield, Massachusetts Arthur Mercante handled what little refereeing opportunities the fight offered.

The ten-round semifinal was an exciting one. Puerto Rican welters Papo Villa (151) and Angel Ortiz (149) went at each other and the result was a draw.

The three preliminaries were over inside half-an-hour, early knockouts all. But unexciting early knockouts.

Very green and very polite Eddie Campbell (141; NYC) scored a 2nd-round TKO over Benjamin Camacho (140½; Puerto Rico) at 2:33 of the round.

It took Raul Adams, an incredibly long two rounds to stop Vasquez. Or maybe it just seemed long because Vasquez was so bad. Adams, 155¼, Vasquez, 154½.

And in a scheduled four, Carlos Paneto (135 and three-quarters) stopped an inept Joseph R. Boimah (135) at 2:02 of the opening session. Three knockdowns, only the last being a clean one, forced the fight to be halted.

▲Queens, N.Y.C.—Eddie (FLAME) Gregory (176; Brooklyn), rock-fisted middleweight, has temporarily turned light-heavyweight in the hope of more paydays and fewer scaredy-cats. The Flame again found himself facing a last-minute sub, one John Wilburn (172½; Baltimore, Md.). Wilburn was 10-1 with all the wins by KO, but even his own manager admitted he had nt pased the prelim stage yet. So, the inevitable happened and the under-ripe Wilburn was iced in the third round. After two slow rounds, Wilburn went on the attack in the third round. He got Gregory on the ropes, but was effectively nullified. Gregory then got Wilburn on the ropes and went to work. A right hand to the rib cage turned Wilburn to wet spaghetti instantly, and he went down for a count of six. He got up, Gregory flurried him (finishing with a left hook to the head), and Wilburn was counted out on his hands and knees. It was 2:59 of the round.

In the other half of the main event, ranking U.S. junior lightweight Ruby (THE SNAKE) Ortiz (136; Brooklyn) had a quick and easy time with the New England veteran, Leo DiFiore (133½; Portland, Maine). Ref Harold Valan, who also worked the Gregory—Wilburn bout, waved DiFiore back to Maine at 1:29 of the second heat.

In an eight, former Golden Gloves champ Eddie Davis (174½; Freeport, L.I., N.Y.) outpointed Jose' Elias (173½; Brooklyn) unanimously, and it was one heck of a brawl. Davis, looking the best he has ever been, belted Jose' everywhere and everyplace for the first half of the fight, but Jose' stuck it out and for the last half of the fight he managed to hold is own at the toe-to-toe stuff. There was no doubt of the winner, but both men received a standing ovation.

In the four-round opener, Marcial Santiago (127; Puerto Rico) scored a 57 second kayo over an inadequate Thomas Ackree (127; NYC). They were featherweights.

▲Queens, New York City—"The way he look tonight . . .", sighed the manager of veteran middleweight 'spoiler' Luis Vinales, as he shook his head sadly . . . "I'm retiring him." Vinales, fighting under the burdens of old age and a recent death in his family, was overwhelmed by an erratic, powerful, and young puncher named Chris Black (159½; N.Y.C.) at the latest card at Sunnyside Gardens. The veteran Vinales, who in a checkered career has given the world's top middleweights a bundle of close fights, wasn't in this one. Black, back from a 9-month layoff due to eye cuts, used a smothering, in-close attack to beat down Vinale's guard. He then trapped Luis in a corner in the second round and unloaded five brutal combination—blows to the head without a return. Vinales didn't go down, but he was helpless and ref Herb Kronowitz intelligently halted matters: as Luis was sagging in several directions at once at the time.

In the semi-final Leo Rogers (180; Dom. Republic) and Otis Gordon (176; Connecticut), faced off and spent ten rounds just threateningly bunching their shoulders at one another. Ref Lew Eskin warned them four times to start fighting or no purses would be doled out. Even that didn't work. Rogers threw a few punches in the last couple rounds and was awarded a split decision, although it could have been calle 'NO CONTEST' just as easily.

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1940 to 1952, plus a two-fight comeback in 1954. The last three bouts were: December 13, 1951, KO 5 of Jim Rousse at Troy, N.Y.; March 30, 1954, KO 1 of Bill Smith in Jacksonville, Florida, and May 24, 1954, L 10 to Bob Baker at Eastern Parkway Arena in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Q. Was there a fighter in the 1940's by the name of Paul Ferguson? If so, what can you tell me about him? And incidentally, I think it's great that the fights are back on TV.

E. N. Atkins
Green Bay, Va.

A. Paul (Country) Ferguson was a fighting Coast Guardsman from Greensboro, North Carolina, during the World War Two era, 1944-46. A welterweight, he had an unusual record, all but one of his sixteen wins coming via the KO route. He had one draw and was stopped twice, in his last two starts.

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DURAN TAKES FERNANDEZ

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The corner of Duran was comprised of Ray Arcel, Freddie Brown and Nestor Quiones. Handling Fernandez were Pete Miranda, his manager, Charley Gullota, and Luis Sarria.

In a ten round semi-final event, Stan Ward, 235, Sacramento, outpointed Jodie Ballard, 220, Jacksonville. Ward improved his record to 7-0-2, despite a lethargy not expected from the high-ranked Californian. Ballard incurred a shoulder injury which required immediate treatment at Mt. Sinai Hospital.

In a four round battle, Michael Dokes, 208½, Akron, Ohio, outscored Dave Wilson, 200, Waterbury, Connecticut, bringing his record to 3-0-0.

In a scheduled four rounder, Lee Canalito, 256, former University of Houston football star, made his professional debut an auspicious one by producing a second round knockout over Johnny Blaine, 191, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Canalito looked impressive as he showed power with a left hook and right cross.

In another four rounder, Keith Kelly, 211, Miami, remained unbeaten in five fights as he outpointed Steve Basse, 200, Memphis, Tennessee. Basse looked anxious in his pro debut, but was coming on strong at the end.

CATHY "CAT" DAVIS KO'S DUNSON

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sue her boxing career.

Before the opening bell, most fans were skeptical of the girls' boxing abilities. Those fears were laid to rest in the first round when both women demonstrated their ring savvy. The only disappointment was that the fight didn't go the full six rounds.

The capacity crowd in the hotel's ballroom was double the paid attendance of any previous monthly card presented by the Lehigh Athletic Club. The women's bout was the featured attraction and promoter John Florio attributed the large turnout to it. Florio said he will attempt to schedule future women's bout, including a return of "Cat" Davis.

The top men's attraction saw Willie "Fireball" Rodriguez, 136, Allentown, win a 10-round unanimous decision over Rufus "The Hawk" Miller, 136, Clifton, New Jersey. Rodriguez avenged his loss to Miller in their last fight.

Ruben Lopez, 159, Warminster, Pennsylvania, won a split decision over eight rounds from Ali Perez, 160, Rego Park, N.Y.

Luis Rodriguez, 174, Bethlehem, scored a unanimous six-round decision over "Kid" Samson, 173, Philadelphia.

Daryl "Shadeed Ali" Lampkin, 150, Philadelphia, needed four rounds to win a split decision over Steve Michalerya, 153, Allentown.

MORENO TAKES NOD OVER IGLESIAS

By JIM NOLAND

SAN ANTONIO — Combacking Tony Moreno moved a step forward toward his former American title as he took a ten round nod over Candelario "Candy" Iglesias of Phoenix. The taller Moreno, 112, elected to box the entire course of the match in place of his usual slugging that he was known for in the past. It appeared that the San Antonian had taken a unanimous decision, but the referee casted his vote otherwise.

In the semi-ten, Pedro Flores, of Nuevo Laredo, earned a unanimous verdict over Freddie "Stepper" Harris, 132, of Bossier City, Louisiana. Harris, who suffered a badly damaged tooth in the third round, donated a few rounds by clowning and failing to sustain an attack. Southpaw Flores, 135, threw quite a few punches although Harris avoided the majority of them.

Rafael Duran, from Nuevo Laredo, showed a potent left cross as he halted game Valente Ramos, 123, of San Antonio in the fifth before 997 appreciative fans.

Daryl Brumley of Cut-N-Shoot, Texas, scored a knockout over Al Davila with a right to the throat in round one of a jr. middleweight encounter.

The opener saw the lighter Pete Francis of Port Arthur halt Tommy Collins, 222, of Houston in the fourth frame. The show was a Toscano Brother's promotion.

▲ **SAN ANTONIO** — Unbeaten Mike "Cyclone" Ayala moved closer to the Major Leagues as he batted out Monterrey's Cesar Deciga in the seventh for the sanctioned North American Super Bantamweight title. The Tony Padilla promotion drew 4087 paying fans.

Ayala, fighting the day before his nineteenth birthday, was in the batter's box most of the evening scoring combinations. The local hero connected with a right that split the veteran visitor above his left eye and he also inflicted a cut inside his mouth in the third. Patched up well for the remainder of the bout, Deciga (122) did his best in the fifth and sixth scoring with some jabs and good rights. Taking up when he hurt Deciga late in the sixth, Ayala (121) slammed home a left-right that shook up his opponent. Moments later another crushing right floored him, but bravely he arose only to have his corner call it a game.

In the second ten rounder, exciting Gaby Cantera, 119, decked Gerardo Heredia, 120, in the second. From there Cantera went onto a technical knockout in the fourth behind looping rights.

Gilbert Galvan, 138, knocked out Basilio Guajardo, 137, in the sixth with a double left hook followed by a right uppercut.

PUNCH LINES

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THINGS TO WATCH FOR

The "U.S. Tournament Preview" in THE RING was a welcome preview of the scheduled tournament. The tournament will be a great event for boxing in the United States.

On the sour side was the recent selection of George Foreman as the Fighter of the Month based on his sloppy amateur-like victory over unrated Dino Dennis. Surely, the crowning of a new champion such as Samuel Serrano, Miguel Castellini, Guty Espada, Royal Kobayashi or Yoko Gushiken rates higher in the scale of performance than Foreman's victory over Dennis.

Due to his history making knockout performance Roberto Duran deserved more attention than he got.

The number one fight to watch for 1977 is a Alfonso Zamora-Carlos Zarate bantamweight sizzler. Despite the failure of the American press to give due recognition to the lighter fighters, the Zamora-Zarate bout is a must fight for home TV or closed circuit. A dynamite doubleheader would be a Zamora-Zarate and Galindez-Conteh show.

Yours truly,
Brian Zelley
Victoria Athletic Assoc.
Victoria, B.C.

WE WANT BOXING

I am writing this letter to express my appreciation for The RING Magazine. I have never written a letter before to your magazine but I felt that it was the right thing to do, since the magazine has kept me up on my sport and in prison there is no other way.

I started reading THE RING back in "73" and have bought every issue since.

I would like to see some more articles on prison boxing. There are so many good boxing programs in the prisons throughout the United States.

I believe that boxing is one of the better sports, and that if a person wishes to box he should be permitted to do so if he is confined or not. I have read articles on prisoners who box while they were confined and competed in State and National meets and after their release went on to turn pro, thus making a better life for themselves and their families.

Myself and some other inmates are trying to get a boxing program started here.

We have sent letters to the Governor and all kinds of people who run this prison to allow us to put together a boxing program.

Jerome Deering 80635
Fort Madison, Iowa

NOW I KNOW WHAT'S WRONG

I have been a boxing fan since I listened to my first Joe Louis fight back in 1938. The last couple of years something has bothered me about boxing, but I couldn't quite put my finger on it.

Then one night it came to me while I was watching the Duane Bobick and Fred Sanford fight. Bobick (4th ranked) weighed about 215 and Sanford (unranked) weighed about 195. Bobick may or may not have had a bad night as Sanford gave him a good go, but Bobick won the decision. I believe Bobick won the decision because he was too big for Sanford. And that's what's been bothering me, there just has to be a radical change in the weight divisions of boxing. Particularly in the heavyweight and light heavyweight divisions.

I don't know when the divisions were established, but it must have been over 60 years ago, and I think it's an accepted fact that the people of the world have grown bigger in that time, particularly Americans.

For instance, in your own rankings there are approximately 29 Americans ranked from welterweight to heavyweight. But in the junior welterweight to flyweight divisions there are only 10! And in the lightweight, featherweight and bantamweight divisions there are only one each and none in the flyweight division! I think it's obvious that Americans have outgrown the six lightest divisions.

Now in recent years the middle, welter and lightweight divisions were subdivided from three divisions to six divisions. Well this is fine, but nothing was done in the three lightest or two heaviest divisions. For instance, in the middleweight to junior welterweight there is only a difference of 5.3 pounds between minimum and maximum weight in each division. Yet in the light heavies there is a difference of 14 pounds, 161 to 175. And a man weighing 176 is a heavyweight! Is there a man at 176 in the top 50 heavyweights? I doubt it.

Therefore I would like to present my idea of how the divisions could be grouped.

You will notice that I have divided the divisions into 12 weight groups versus the current 11. I created the Superweight and brought back the Paperweight. From 160 pounds up I have created five classes versus the current three. Also, I believe the weight differential is more fair.

Now, you may well wonder what difference all this makes. Well I think there are many world class fighters weighing 180 to 195 pounds that are too big for the light heavies and too small for the heavyweights, so why not create divisions for these fighters? I can think of recent fighters such as Floyd Patterson, Jerry Quarry and Bob Foster who would have given these divisions a lot of class, color and excitement.

F. M. Writer, Jr.
Mt. View, Ca.

Proposal	(WT)	(WT Diff)	(WT Diff)	(Wt)	Current
Superweight	200+				
Heavyweight	199-187	(12)		176+	Heavyweight
Lightheavy	186-175	(11)	(14)	175-161	Lightheavy
Middleweight	174-164	(10)	(5)	160-155	Middleweight
Lightmiddle	163-154	(9)	(6)	154-148	Juniormiddle
Welterweight	153-145	(8)	(6)	147-141	Welterweight
Lightwelter	144-137	(7)	(4)	140-136	Juniorwelter
Lightweight	136-130	(6)	(4)	135-131	Lightweight
Featherweight	129-124	(5)	(3)	130-127	Juniorlight
Bantamweight	123-118	(5)	(7)	126-119	Featherweight
Paperweight	117-113	(4)	(5)	118-113	Bantamweight
Flyweight	112-under			112-under	Flyweight

BENITEZ TOPS MEZA

By MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

It looks like the possibility of emulating Puertorico's first world champion, Sixto Escobar, by copping the bantam title is a thing of the past for the youthful Wilfredo Gomez.

"We've tried all the tricks in the trade to get either Alfonso Zamora or Carlos Zarate in the ring with him but we have not been successful," commented co-manager Yamil Chade.

And now the big problem seems to be weight. In scoring a two round kayo over an unknown quantity from Mexico by name of Johnny Meza. Wilfredo came in at 123 after a fairly ardous training campaign.

There is really not much you can say about this "training" session with Meza, except that the Mexican came in with leopard designed trunks but fought like a kitten. The only good thing you can say about him is that he is punctual. He arrived in the ring five minutes before his opponent but seemed awed by the carnavalesque aspect of the whole affair. Gomez was greeted into the ring with the sound of what appeared to be a military band playing a paso doble from the third base side of this ultramodern baseball stadium that at this moment seemed to have an aura of a bullring spectacle instead of a prizefight.

Even promoter Don King awaited anxiously the arrival of Wilfredo to express his vote of confidence.

Nobody paid any attention to poor Meza, who was given a "How to Box in One Easy Lesson" in the first round but caved in under the first meaningful punch tossed by Gomez in the second round.

Welter prospect Carlos "Sugar" de Leon kayoed Antonio Colon in six. In four lightweight Carlos Santos scored a split decision over Alex Porratoa.

And what now for Wilfredo, who appears to have run out of opponents? Well with the possibilities of the Bantam title an apparent thing of the past he will be gunning for a title match with WBC junior featherweight Champ Yun Dong Kyun of Korea.

The Korean scored a fifteen round decision over Jose Cervantes in Seoul the same day that Gomez kayoed Meza here in Puerto Rico. A spokeman for WBC stated that Gomez is next in line in this recently created weight class.

If they do meet it is felt by most experts that Dong Kyun will be Gomez' 18th straight kayo victim.

Time alone will tell whether this brilliant little piece of fighting machine will finally get his chance to join the ranks of present puertorican world title holders, Esteban de Jesus, Wilfredo Benitez, Alfredo Escalera and Samuel Serrano. If Wilfredo is victorious, Puerto Rico will be one up on Mexico, who also has four title claimants.

In a bout listed for eight Bill Daly's pride and joy, heavyweight Oscar "Jaws" Ocasio scored a quick kayo over Ed Turner of Orlando, Florida. Turner had been the only man to go the route against Ocasio but in this return go the local lad with the pleasant grin ended the affair with a solid right hand swing that deposited Turner flat on his back. The blow was landed with such force that when Turner banged his nogging on the canvas there were moments of preoccupation registered in the faces of his cornermen. But he was able to get up on his own just shy of the ten count without having suffered any apparent fateful damage.

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RUBALDINO TKO'S GUTIERREZ

By EDUARDO AMER

Reynosa, Tamaulipas: Roberto "Kid" Rubaldino, 122, tko'd Alfonso "Al" Gutierrez, 120, of Philippines, in only two rounds, but the fight was hotted by people. Lupe Pintor, 125, tko'd Babe San Martin, 118, in seven.

▲**Coatzacoalcos, Veracruz:** Pedro "Maravilla" Rodriguez, 121, decisioned Jose "Costeno" Mendoza, 120, in ten. Leon Meza, 121, kayoed Juan Rodriguez, 119, in four.

▲**Tampico, Tamaulipas:** Ernesto Davis, 134, of Panama, ko'dAndres Reyes, 131, in three.

▲**Tijuana, Baja California:** Angel Feliz, 112, beat "Cachorro" Hernandez, 113, in ten. Ruperto "Indio" Peraza, 135, whipped David Bernal, 134, in ten.

▲**Torreon, Coahuila:** Lupe Pintor, 117, demolished Jose Angel Caza res, 117, in one. Carlos Mendoza, 118, of Panama, tko'd "Chango" Cruz, 119, in seven.

▲**Acapulco, Guerrero:** Juan Panchi, 135, tko'd Juan Malagon, 137, in five. Joel "Calaco" Segura, III, defeated Joel Gatica, 112, in ten. Crescencio Santana, 124, tko'd Josafat Vazquez, 125, in two. Eleazar Zarate, 110, bested Maximino Catalan, 111, in six.

▲**Halacho, Yucatan:** Alex Parra, 109, and Roman Acosta, 109, drew in six. Marco Ventura, 112, ko'd Pedro "Monito" Argaez, 111, in two.

▲**Pachuca, Hidalgo:** "Casanovita" Mendez, 125, stopped Ney Gordillo, 124, in eight.

▲**Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua:** Tarcisio "Famosito" Gomez, 117, ko'd Silvino Rubio, 117, in five. Javier Caballero, 134, halted Jose Luis Hernandez, 135, in three.

▲**Gomez Palacio, Durango:** Joaquin "Petrolero" Macias, 160, bombed Juan Menchaca, 158, in one. Raul Aguirre, 142, beat Jose Duarte, 143, in ten. Pedro Florex, 126, decisioned Jose Angel Morales, 127, in ten.

▲**Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas:** Herminio "Loba" Ramirez, 159, nailed Nicalas Arredondo, 157, in four.

▲**Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas:** Fabian Palma, 117, tko'd Rafael "Tanquecito" Gonzalez, 118, in six.

▲**Salina Cruz, Oaxaca:** Memo Ayala, 116, ko'd Jose Luis Velazquez, 116, in two.

▲**Tuxtla Guiterrez, Chiapas:** Arturo Delgado, 112, tko'd Santiago Perez, 112, in seven. Ricardo Varela, 118, outpointed Jimmy Fernandez, 117, in ten. Memo Dorantes, 145, kayoed Jose Arreola, 145, in six.

▲**Tijuana, Baja California:** Armando Mendieta, 117, bested Jose "Bobo" Gonzalez, 117, in ten. Jorge Rosario, 123, beat "Seco" Luna, 122, in ten.

▲**Mexico City:** Raul Decaro, 121, tko'd Lalo Cuadros, 117, in eight. Francisco Manzo, 124, beat Nacho Rivera, 125, in eight. Jose Luis Tapia, 125, tko'd Manuel Ferrer, in one. Jorge Ramirez, 116, tko'd Esteban Cuadros, 117, in one. Felipe Gomez, 117, tko'd Martin Gonzalez, 117, in two.

▲**Guadalajara, Jalisco:** Brigido Martinez, 119, decisioned Arturo Sanchez, 118, in ten. Ray Ruiz, 115, won by a disqualification over "Costeno" Valdez, 116, in five.

▲**Acapulco, Guerrero:** Benny Arguello, 123, outscored Jorge Mejia, 124, in ten.

▲**Coatazacoalcos, Veracruz:** Esteban "Gallito" Gonzalez, 119, decisioned Julian Martinez, 118, in ten. Jaime Rosas, 117, ko'd "Chamaco" Martinez, 116, in nine.

▲**Cancun, Quintana Roo:** Jose Cabrera, 111, tko'd Alfredo "Chamaco" Rodriguez, 111, in eight. Ariel Rodriguez, 117, tko'd Rommy Basto, 119, in seven. Marco "Panaderito" Ricalde, 109, tko'd Wilbert "Chivi" Madera, 108, in two.

▲**Monterrey, Nuevo Leon:** Ruben Rivera, 176, iced veteran Manuel "Pulgarcito" Ramos, 210, in the very first round. Ramos announced his retirement after the disaster. Raul "Zurdo" Molina, 130, and Ezequiel Coronado, 131, drew in ten.

▲**Cuernavaca, Morelos:** Ruben "Gato" Mancilla, 112, outpointed Pedro Hernandez, 112, twelve rounds to become flyweight champion of Morelos State. Moi Ruiz, 117, polished off Carlos Enriquez, 116, in one.

▲**Acapulco, Guerrero:** Gerardo Flores, 126, tko'd Emilio Martinez, 127, in two. Rafael Perez, 121, and Juan Herrera, 122, drew in ten. Mario Simon, 124, bested Nati Echeverria, 124, in ten. Miguel Bracamontes, 114, tko'd Miguel Polanco, 115, in three.

▲**Zacapu, Michoacan:** Florentino Palomeque, 124, stopped Gabriel Santos, 126, in five.

RINGSIDE

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JOEY was born GIUSEPPE MARIANO ROSELLI in Chicago, and he learned street fighting at an early age. With the likes of MARVIN HAGLER and VINNIE CURTO both boxing out of Boston, could be that promoter SAM SILVERMAN has a natural here in the making. Both gladiators figure they can come home winners. Should be interesting—when and if it does happen. . . .TOM GRIES, who directed the movie "The Greatest" the story of MUHAMMAD ALI, dropped dead of a heart attack while playing tennis at the age of 54- . . . .Could well be that ART HAFEY and RUBEN OLIVARES will soon announce their retirements. . . .HEDGEMON LEWIS and OSCAR ALBARADO have announced already it is over for them. . . .Heavyweight PEDRO LOVELL appears to be at the end of the trial too. . . .all top California talent at one time. . . .Former Ohio flyweight TOMMY FIX is looking to return to the ring wars. FIX, out of Shelby, Ohio, has a son, TOMMY, JR., who is a victim of muscular dystrophy and is confined to a wheelchair. TOMMY was managed by my good friend EDDIE SCHAUER of Perry, Ohio, in his hey-day. . . .IBAR "THE SAILOR" ARRINGTON is a former U.S. Navy heavyweight who turned pro in September of 1974. He is the biggest drawing card in the Pacific Northwest. He hails from Everett, Washington, and is 23 years old—(I made a few liberties in Everett during the big clambake WW II)—fond memories indeed!!! Middleweight contender TONY LICATA, plagued with back problems, could call it a career before this year is over. His manager, LOU VISCUSI, is not making any matches for TONY until he decides on his future. . . .Florida battler JOEY VINCENT had an automobile accident a few years ago that was supposed to end his boxing career. He has been on a comeback since. With bad legs and an ear infection that impaired his balance, he may be reaching his peak, but you certainly can't sell JOEY short on heart—he is loaded with it. . . .JIM and PAUL NOLAND doing a great job handling the "public relations" job for TONY AYALA and JOE SOUZA—the A and S Boxing Stable in San Antonio, Texas. Their "big gun" is bantamweight swatter MIKE "CYCLONE" AYALA. Smaller weights are their speciality. . . .Erie, Pennsylvania, boxing promoter DON ELBAUM will promote monthly boxing shows at the new Riverfront Coliseum in Cincinnati, and will make use of heavyweight BERNARDO MERCADO, AARON PRYOR and others in that area. . . .One of boxing's mysteries is the inactivity of Sacramento, California, heavyweight STAN WARD since his victory over JEFF MERRITT. Could it be managerial problems??? RALPH GAMBINA has taken over as the manager of MIKE NIXON, brother-in-law to the QUARRY'S (he married WILMA), now that MEL EPSTEIN has given up on NIXON. . . They honored former lightweight king LEW JENKINS in Los Angeles recently. LEW attended the fete with his wife, LUPIE. It has been 36 years since JENKINS knocked out LOU AMBERS to win the world title in N.Y.C.—the Sweetwater Swatter, as he was dubbed in those days, with a punch that could tear your head off, was the toast of the town. He is also a war hero—won a silver star going in on the beaches of Normandy, WW II, and many honors during the Korean War. Earlier last year LEW was honored by being inducted into the Texas Hall of Fame. JENKINS' next stop should be his being inducted in the Boxing Hall of Fame!

OLD BROADWAY

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Sammy Goldman, was a brother-in-law of the late welterweight star Andre Jessurun, who married Al's sister. Reid, a boxing judge now, was a fine performer.

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Several months ago they spoke about reviving boxing on Staten Island. That's not surprising. Staten Island was a mecca for the game years back, as will be vouched for by ex-sports editor Hal Squier, of the Staten Island Advance, and his sports colleagues, Charley 'Red' Colton and Sonny Early, of the Sibo clan.

As far back and before that, too, Nate Meyers, popular 135 pound star from that domain, promoted fights at the Cromwell Center, Nate had Frankie Genaro, later flyweight king, showing at his arena. They still talk about the fights at the Thompson Stadium in Stapleton.

Speaking of Staten Island, they had a lot of crackerjack boys among them. One was little Frankie Daly, who boxed Champion Kid Williams in a ten round no-decision affair for Charley Doessereck at the 44th St. Pioneer A.C., which was situated between 8th and 9th Avenues, downtown side, where the late Tom O'Rourke, one time top promoter and manager, held many great fights, among them a ten round over-the-weight affair between Champion Ad Wolgast and Kayo Brown, lightweights, O'Rourke, who managed great kings in his era, brought out Al Kaufman, of California, against his newcomer, Al Palzer, the mid-westerner scoring a thrilling five round kayo. Staten Island is trying to revive boxing and they sure have a sports minded gang residing there, especially those belonging to Sibo.

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Boxing fans are all around the Metropolitan area, wherever pro sports fans gather. Not only at the arenas, but also at the big spots like the New York AC, the Downtown A.C. and other familiar sports hangouts. Even in restaurants you find fistic figures among the clientele. Jack Dempsey's was quite a place. Today it's Gallagher's, on West 52nd St., the late Toots Shor's trio of places, as well as the eating spots in Madison Square Garden.

But in out of town places you'll also find former habitues who made the Queensberry game hangouts theirs. The East Side, which turned out many great gladiators from the early days of Benny Leonard, Lou Salica, Ben Jeby and Solly Krieger, not overlooking the Sid Terris's and Ruby Goldsteins, men who come from certain sectors of the big city.

A familiar hangout in Brooklyn is one operated by Nat Gellman, who was a cousin to the late Bob Olin, one time world light heavyweight champion. His place is known as George and Sid's and is located on Ralph Avenue. Among the frequenters are former two time bantam king Lou Salica and Harold Green, good performer in his day and a pal of Nat's. Drop in any time and you'll invariably get mixed up in a discussion involving fighters, baseball players and folks interested in other sports. George and Sid's makes up one of these popular places where you'll invariably meet an ex-member of the fistic fraternity or someone who would love to talk baseball and engage in friendly chats about other sports.

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The annual meeting of the Boxing Writers Association, which took place at Mama Leone's spot on West 48th St., resulted in the regular slate of officers being re-elected for another term. They consisted of Bill Gallo, "N.Y. Daily News," President. Marvin Kohn, Deputy Boxing Commissioner of New York State, Financial Secretary. Sam Taub, RING magazine, Recording Secretary. Two new changes were made in the offices of the Vice-Presidents, newly elected officers to that post being Marshall Red, of the "Long Island Press," as well as Vic Ziegel, of the "New York Post."

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Al Roth, member of Al Reid's Ring #8, New York lightweight, who fought the late Tony Canzoneri in a fifteen rounder in the Garden for the championship and met the best in his day, recently visited with the gang. Roth, 63 years old, retired, lived for five years in Oakland, California. Now 53 years old and married, Roth has a son, Stan, who is in business in California.

GANIGAN STOPS POSOS IN 3

By TED YAMACHIKA

This year's first fight card saw Andrew Ganigan, 133, Honolulu, knock out Jose Posos, 131¾, Mexico, in three rounds at the Blaisdell Memorial Center arena.

The fight was stopped at the end of the second round by the consulted physician due to Posos' suffering an eye cut due to a butt, he claimed. "No so," was the reply of Ganigan's manager.

Larry Fuentes, 131¾, Philippines, decisioned Rueben Martinez, 136, Mexico, in 8.

Charlie Jaiaut, 120¾, Honolulu, drew against Pabano Martinez, 125, Philippines, 4.

Stanley Gonsalves, 151, Honolulu, and Dave Meadows, 156, Honolulu, fought to a draw, 4.

Vai Afa, 161¾, Tonga, defeated Irish Coffey, 156¼, Los Angeles, in 4.

▲**Honolulu** is starting this year with only one promoter, Sad Sam Ichinose, and hoping for things to improve. Last year wasn't a good one, although at one time there were three promoters operating.

Andrew Ganigan, 24, should be playing an important in bringing back boxing to its former popular level. So far, in spite of his 12 consecutive wins, 11 of them by knockouts, he hasn't fought any name opponent and hasn't shown anything, according to some of the skeptics. These same people claim that Ganigan is being brought along too cautiously.

▲**On another card,** Buzzsaw Yamabe, 136¾, Japan, knocked out Tury Pineda, 137, Mexico, in the 8th of 10.

Andrew Ganigan, 135, Honolulu, knocked out Chickie Pineda, 136, Mesxico, in the 1st round.

Larry Fuentes, 135¼, Philippines, chilled Bobby Jordon, 137½, San Francisco, in the 7th.

Frank Cabanig, 124¾, Philippines, beat Pabano Martinez, 126, Philippines, in 4.

Via Afa, 160¼, Tonga, and Irish Coffey, 159½, L.A., drew.

TOP TEN ITALIAN-AMERICAN

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tirelessness.

In his showing against Ray Robinson—they went at it no less than six times—he has to be rated a versatile performer. He had speed, ability to change pace. Possibly he was lacking in power. What did it matter? He was coming there endlessly, bent over like a charging bull.

No. 5 is the place of Rocky Graziano. He had the gift of the poet. In other words, he had a dynamic punch. This ability to turn a fight around in any round saved many a fight for him. He had showmanship personified. He still has it. Turn on almost any dial in TV and you see him in a commercial these days.

You knew you aren't making any mistake in slotting Carmen Basilio at No. 6. He had a fighting heart, plus the equipment to set a punishing pace. His two thrillers against Tony DeMarco were models of their type. His bounceback against Johnny Saxton, after a horrible decision, was a double-dose of lethal punching.

It may be that you haven't great familiarity with Pete Herman, placed No. 7. He was a featherweight from New Orleans who could do everything. The old timers talk about his epic performance when he "loaned" the title to Joe Lynch. He was going over to England to face Jimmy Wilde and feared getting the business. It didn't matter really. He stopped Wilde and then recouped the championship here with Lynch.

Fred Apostoli is No. 8. He was the San Francisco Adonis of the World War II period. He was a stand-up middlweight, equally versed on defense and attack. At one time he was a champion, but he couldn't keep up the pace. The latter portion of his career remains shrouded in mystery as his style fell away to upper-crust club fighting.

No. 9 was made for Bat Battalino, an exciting featherweight who had color all the way. He might have been better if he hadn't ballooned into a lightweight.

And the No. 10 spot belongs to Tony Janiro, a baby-faced welterweight, then a middleweight. He had incomparable ability. He could make you reach to hit him and at the same time step in with blinding speed. The only thing was that he couldn't resist the girls who were boxing groupees. They ruined him many a night.

But what's bad about Janiro, did you ask? Just put us down for no comment.

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AMATEUR BOXING BEAT

By MARSHALL REED

Isn't it about time that a boxer wins the Sullivan Award? The Amateur Athletic Union established the award for the nation's outstanding amateur athlete in 1930 in memory of its past president, James E. Sullivan.

Bobby Jones, the golfer, was the first winner of the award. Over the years, he has been followed by runners, jumpers, swimmers, divers, football players, a tennis player, rowers, ice skaters, basketball players. But not a single boxer.

Nominees for the 1976 Sullivan Award included Howard Davis, the young New Yorker who won the Olympic Gold Medal in the lightweight boxing competition at Montreal last summer. Davis was on the list of Sullivan nominees for the second time. In 1974, after he had won a gold medal as a featherweight at the World Championships in Havana, Cuba, (the only American to achieve that distinction) Davis was nominated for the first time. The award went to middle distance runner Rick Wolhuter.

Davis, who celebrated his twenty-first birthday early this year, had even more impressive credentials for the 1976 award. Not only did his Olympic triumph come at a time when the shock and sadness caused by the untimely death of his mother was still fresh in his mind, but it was a truly outstanding performance. So much so, that the International Amateur Boxing Association awarded Davis the Val Barker Cup as the most stylish and proficient boxer at the Olympics.

Earlier in the year, Davis had become the first fighter in the fifty-year history of the New York Golden Gloves to win four straight championships. He has also won two North American titles and six AAU and Golden Gloves titles.

A Sullivan Award to Davis would have signalled some recognition by the rest of the amateur sports establishment of the tremendous strides that have been taken in recent years by amateur boxing. And it would also have been a long, deep bow to the achievement of the U.S. Olympic boxers, the team that worked together, prayed together and fought together, and came home with five Gold Medals, one Silver and one Bronze.

It was not to be. The Sullivan Award voters—AAU officials and sports writers—selected Bruce Jenner, the Olympic decathlon champion, by an overwhelming margin. Swimmer John Naber and ice skater Dortohy Hamill were the runners-up, in that order.

Realistically, Howard Davis never figured to win against media stars like Jenner and Hamill and an All-American Boy type like Naber. Indeed, this is not to say that Jenner, who is certainly an outstanding athlete, is not deserving of the accolade.

But amateur boxers are deserving, too. On any basis of comparison, Howard Davis was as worthy a choice as any of the ten finalists in the voting.

Oh well. . .wait till next year, or the next, or . . . .

Revival of the New York-Chicago Intercity Golden Gloves rivalry after a sixteen-year lapse is good news. For thirty-four years, beginning in 1928, teams from the Big Apple and the Windy City provided thrills for amateur fight fans, and many more can be expected. . . .Russian boxing team's three-city invasion of the United States was highly successful—from the visitors' point of view. The Soviets first pounded out a 7-4 victory over the Yanks in Las Vegas, Nevada. They followed up in Shreveport, Louisiana, with a 6-2 triumph, and wound it all up with a 7-3 win in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The outstanding performer for the invaders was their rugged heavyweight, Igor Vysotsky, who whipped Jimmy Clark of Coatesville, Pennsylvania, in Las Vegas, and survived a first round battering from Woody Clark of Miami, Florida, to get a close verdict in Milwaukee. Another Russian heavyweight, Petr Zaev, was a two-time loser, being beaten by Greg Page of Louisville, Kentucky, and Tony Tubbs of Cincinnati.

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

106—Vasily Plakuschay (USSR) decisioned Adrian Dennis (Stewart, Nev.).

112—Aleksandr Tkatchenko (USSR) defeated Brett Summers (Marysville, Wash.), RSC, 1st round.

119—Feliks Pak (USSR) decisioned Wayne Lynuum (Chicago).

125—Eiichi Jumawan (Wahiawa, Hawaii) decisioned Viktor Rybakov (USSR).

132—Valery Lvov (USSR) decisioned Pat Jefferson (Rapid City, S.D.).

139—Thomas Hearns (Detroit) decisioned Vladimir Vasiliev (USSR).

147—Erasmo Gonzalez (USAF, Austin, Tex.) won by default over Valery Rachkov (USSR).

156—Viktor Savchenko (USSR) defeated Clinton Jackson (Nashville, Tenn.), RSC, 2nd round.

165—Lindell Holmes (Toledo, Ohio) defeated Gennady Tolmachev (USSR), RSC, ist round.

178—David Kvadchadze (USSR) decisioned Rick Jester (Detroit).

Heavyweight—Igor Vysotsky (USSR) decisioned Jimmy Clark (Coatesville, Pa.).

SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

112—Aleksandr Tkatchenko (USSR) decisioned Wilfredo Esperon (Marysville, Calif.).

119—Jerry "Butch" Smith (Shreveport) decisioned Feliks Pak (USSR).

125—Viktor Rybakov (USSR) stopped Larry Tatman (New Orleans), 2nd.

132—Valery Lvov (USSR) stopped Erasmo Gonzalez (Austin, Tex.), 2nd.

139—Vladimir Vasilyev (USSR) decisioned Henry Modique (West Monroe, La.).

156—Viktor Savchenko (USSR) knocked out James Rayford (San Diego, Calif.) 2.

165—Gennady Tolmacev (USSR) decisioned Leroy Murphy (Chicago).

Heavyweight—Greg Page (Louisville, Ky.) decisioned Peter Zaev (USSR).

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

106—Tyrone Stewart (Washington, D.C.) decisioned Vasily Pakushchay (USSR).

112—Aleksandr Tkatchenko (USSR) decisioned Shawn Thomas (Kalamazoo, Mich.).

119—Wayne Lynumn (Chicago, Ill.) decisioned Feliks Pax (USSR).

125—Viktor Rybakov (USSR) beat Robert Curry (St. Paul, Minn.) when the referee stopped bout in round three.

132—Valery Lvov (USSR) decisioned Benny Trusell (Detroit, Mich.).

139—Vladmir Vasiley (USSR) beat Norm Withters (Chicago) when the referee stopped the bout in round three.

156—Viktor Savchenko (USSR) beat Rusty Rosenberg (Warren, Ohio) when the referee stopped the bout in round one.

178—David Kvadchadze (USSR) decisioned James Tillis (Tulsa, Okla.).

Heavyweight—Tony Tubbs (Cincinnati, Ohio) decisioned Petr Zaev (USSR). Igor Vysotsky beat Woody Clark (Miami, Fla.) when the referee stopped the bout in round two.

MIAMI HIGHLIGHTS

By Hank Kaplan

Boxing was the big sport in town during the past month despite only one pro show. It was a period with much drama and a cast comprised of Promoters Don King and Chris Dundee, Miami Beach Boxing Commission Chairman, Mel Ziegler, World lightweight champs Robert Duran and Estaban De-Jesus and even former World lightweight King, Beau Jack, got into the act.

For a couple of weeks at the Miami Beach Fifth Street Gym the unique situation of both recognized world lightweight champions, Roberto Duran and Estaban De Jesus, working side by side kept the fans' interest in high gear. Duran, the Panamanian Assasin, was preparing for the challenge of Villomar Fernandez, while De Jesus was shaping up for his Bayamon, Puerto Rico, defense against "Buzzsaw" Yamabe. It was no secret that little love was shared for each other as a near future confrontation in the ring became more noticable with Don King beating the path in that direction.

Former World lightweight titleholder, Beau Jack, headquarterd at the Hotel Fontainebleau on Miami Beach, was brought in to pose with current WBA lightweight champ, Robert Duran during preliminary weigh-In procedures for drum-beating purposes and made a hit with older fight fans. . .Two other performers of the past at ringside for the title fight were Cal Cagni, now a permanent Fort Lauderdale resident and one-time prominent middleweight out of New Jersey and former bantam and featherweight ringster now living in Monterrey, California, Danny London. Danny London is credited with a fifth round K.O. over former champ Harry Jeffra back in 19-35. . .Manager and trainer of Villomar Fernandez is Pete Miranda of New York and he was aided by veteran trainer Charley Gullata with tough Terry Turner of Newark acting as his chief sparring partner. Turner, a pro sporting a 3-0-0 record was very impressive and made a big hit with gym viewers. . .Boxing's "Man about town", Chappy Roberts, was responsible for guiding Don King's staff in the right direction. When a fighter needed a doctor or a site for roadwork, Chappy got them there and performed with his usual energies and dedication. . .Former Miami lightweight with a background of 52 tussles, Bobby Marrie, just became the enthusiastic Daddy of twins. . .Noted VBA Chaplain, Ira Knaster, is resting at the South Miami Hospital where he was taken after a suspected heart attack. . .Don King's public relations genius, Irving Rudd, did his job with usual excellence considering the short span he had to sell the Duran-Fernandez title fray. . .Doing a commendable job with heavyweight Keith Kelly, now 5-0-0, is manager and trainer, Frank Tomaso who once handled the affairs of Eddie Perkins, former Junior Welterweight champ. . .Serving as sparring partners for Roberto Duran, were Hector Mola, Panamanian lightweight and Doc McClendon, now a Miami operator. . .Surprising with a visit were two Bostonians, Andy Martin, former bantam sparkplug who boxed 9 world champions and Tommy Clayton, a middleweight who boxed Joe Knight among 200 other battles in New England and Miami. . .Chuck Talhami, quick-tripping to Boston to aid Vinnie Curto, reports another good win for the Boston middleweight, this one over Flasher Smith at the Hynes Memorial Auditorium. . .Left hooking featherweight out of Brooklyn's East New York, Jackie Snyder, who calls Miami his home now, missed gaining the bantam title of the world by a hair. During his campaign against flyweights to junior lights between 1922-1929, he tangled four times against Ray Miller and had run up an undefeated skien of 38 before his confrontation with Eddie Cannonball Martin who was later to become the bantamweight crownbearer. . .The 1977 Florida-Caribbean Regional Golden Glove tournament will take place in the Miami Beach Convention Hall on March 16-19, 1977 and is expected to draw entrees from all the Islands in the Caribbean which included representatives last year. . .A mammoth amateur boxing show is being blueprinted for April 16th at the Miami Beach Convention Hall under the directorship of Miami Beach Boxing Commission Chairman, Mel Ziegler. The simon-pure show is sponsored by the Florida State Committee Sports For Israel, Inc., the goal being to raise funds in order to send U.S. boxers to the Maccabiah Games in Israel during 1977. . .I successive main-events covering amateur action during the past period, Billy Cunningham, 144, reversed a previous loss to Bill Zell, 146, Lester Crosby, 210, captured a split decision victory over Arnold Turner, 225, Johnny Compo, 138, gained a unanimous win over Martin Ryals, 135, Art Schlect plodded his way to a unanimous decision over Mike Carter in a heavyweight duel, Joe Grey outscored Ritchie Lee Roberts in a good lightweight battle and Carl Stampley, 153, won a unanimous duke over Claude Belanger, 156. . .Roger Larivee, boxing impressario of Montreal is a current visitor enjoying Miami's milder weather. . .Another boxing devotee out of St. Catherines, Ontario, Mac Hartunian, is checking out our local talent. . .Local winter resident Larry Dodick, brother of former junior lightweight champion Jack Berstein, is planning a compendium of his famous brother's career in boxing. . .Former New Jersey featherweight star, Mickey Nelson, is still resisting retirement in his active medical practice as Dr. John Pizzulo.

In a six, D.C. Walker (151; New Haven, Connecticut) made a by-the-book slugger named Miguel Hernandez (149½; Puerto Rico) look bad with his aggressive legs. But since Walker doesn't throw many punches while he runs, Hernandez was able to take every round and win the decision just the same.

In an action-packed four, Eddie Campbell (141; N.Y.C.) won a divided decision over Mike Thomas (137½; Springfield, Massachusetts).

In an ordinary four, Willie Stalling (175; Freeport, N.Y.) outpointed Jimmy Roberson (179; New Haven, Connecticut).

▲Queens, N.Y.C.—The fight featured middleweights Willie Classen (158¼, Puerto Rico) and Jose' Anglada of the Dominican Republic. No sooner had the opening gong rung than Classen forced Anglada to the ropes and unloosed a flurry to the body and head. Anglada's unconscious form sagged slowly through the second and third ropes and popped out onto the press tables, narrowly missing this reporter. Anglada was out of the land of ether once his cornermen raced to haul him to his feet, but he had already been counted out. Time: 57 seconds of the first round.

Rosa, the veteran New Jersey light heavy triumphed in the other half of the main event when he TKO'd beanpole-shaped Bob Smith (176; New York) at 2:47 of the fifth round. Smith was able to jab Rosa at will, but couldn't penetrate his fat with his heavier blows. Rosa, despite a cut near his left eye, was able to batter the fleet Smith's body freely, and this was the deciding factor. Smith crumbled to the floor in the 5th, in a delayed reaction to a beating he had taken earlier in the round. Ref Georgie Coyle halted things.

Raul Adams (153½; Cuba), a smooth boxer who is one of this area's brightest middleweight prospects in some time, had trouble with the swarming, slugging style of Hubert Jackson (150; New York) in the first two rounds of their scheduled six. Adams then sneaked in a looping right to the jaw that decked Jackson for 8 in the third heat. The referee judged Jackson unfit to continue and ruled him out at 0:59 of the round.

Flyweight Fernando Sanchez (112; Puerto Rico) floored Ben Ali (113; Tunisia, U.A.R.) in the first heat with a left hook, and kept a thin edge until the final bell. Sanchez's more accurate, if not harder blows; got him the verdict.

In a 4-round welter match, Julio Chevalier (148; Dom. Republic) and Luis Resto (145¼; Puerto Rico) went at it tooth and nail for 12 minutes and it could have been a draw, but Resto was given the decision for finishing the stronger.

▲Sunnyside Gardens, Queens N.Y.C.—Lopez (126; Dom. Republic), has everything to be a champ but the experience, which is forthcoming.

Lopez headlined his first card after an impressive series of semi-finale at Sunnyside, and although he had trouble with the clever defensive style of one Marcelino Beckles (125; Costa Rican champ), he still won seven rounds and took a unanimous 10-round decision. Lopez found that Beckles kept up his blocking no matter what gear he shifted into, so he elected to preserve his strength and go at Beckles' half-speed pace. Lopez is usually a fast boxer, so this did not make for an exciting fight. But Beckles' style dictated that Lopez slow up and get in one punch at a time, when he could. Slowly, Lopez gathered points with these single blows. Although Lopez was not afforded the opportunity to be his usual flashly self, he adapted to Beckles' style quite nicely, and won with room to spare.

Another top local prospect, middleweight Raul Adams (152½; Cuban-born), came to grief. Fighting only a week after winning a tough bout by KO, Adams was too poppped to punch and dropped a close six-round decision to the veteran Cruz Ortiz (154; N.Y.C.).

In a six-round feather match, Angel Ortiz (130, N.Y.C.) and Marcel Santiago (126; Puerto Rico) traded punches the entire 18 minutes and had the crowd in an uproar. Santiago turned Ortiz's nose to mush with a fourth round right smash, but Ortiz threw more punches and deserved the split decision he received.

Six-round middleweight match, Ken Bristol (156; Brooklyn) got what appeared to be a lucky unanimous decision over Bobby Paterson (159½; Paterson, N.J.).

And in a heavyweight opener of four rounds, Tyrone Harlee (205; Brooklyn) decked flabby Jose' Rosario (202½; Dom. Republic) twice in the first heat and was awarded a TKO at 2:06 of the first round.

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nancially well off. Most of his money, apparently, is in Switzerland. Both there and in Sweden he has sold pieces of land with good profit.

Now and then you hear rumors that "Ingemar is too fond of liquor," but as far as I know he keeps it under control. He looks fit and in good spirits, although on the wrong side of the 100 kg. limit!

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